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HUMAN CORK IN MACAO OPIUM SCHEME.

DROPPED FROM SUI SANG.

SHARK-INFESTED WATERS.

The ingenuity of Macao opium smugglers was demonstrated in somewhat remarkable fashion on the last trip to Singapore from Hongkong of the Jardine s.s. Sui Sang.

Only the accident of casual interest in the vessel by a light-housekeeper at Horsburgh, some thirty miles out, caused the plan to fail. The keeper was looking around through his glasses when he noticed men on the Sui Sang lowering sacks into the sea.

Immediately afterwards, a Chinese jumped into the shark-infested waters, while the Sui Sang passed on its way to Singapore.

A boat was secured and covered out to where the man was floating. He was found to have cork floats to keep him up, and attached to him were five sacks, containing a large quantity of Red Lion brand of opium.

The smuggler was charged before Mr. G.C. Dodd, the Criminal District Judge, when Mr. Gordon, head of the Singapore Preventive Service, congratulated accused on his bravery.

The Judge came to the conclusion that defendant was only a cat's paw, but sentenced him to a fine of \$2,000 or one year's rigorous imprisonment in default.

AIR RAIDS IN MANCHURIA.

CHINESE REPORT RESUMPTION.

Peking, Dec. 9.

The Japanese have resumed air bombing raids in Manchuria, according to Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang's headquarters.

It was stated at the headquarters today that eight Japanese aeroplanes this morning dropped twenty-one bombs on Chungchuan, a village to the south-east of Tawa.

They then proceeded to Tawa and dropped seven further bombs, also machine-gunning the place. These districts are situated along the railway from Kaopingtz to Newchwang.

Chinchow Observation.

It is further reported that first two and then three Japanese aeroplanes circled over Chinchow today, just clearing the house-tops, but they dropped no bombs there. —*Reuter.*

MUNITION TRAIN DISASTER.

EXPLOSION HAVOC AT TSINANFU.

Shanghai, Dec. 10.

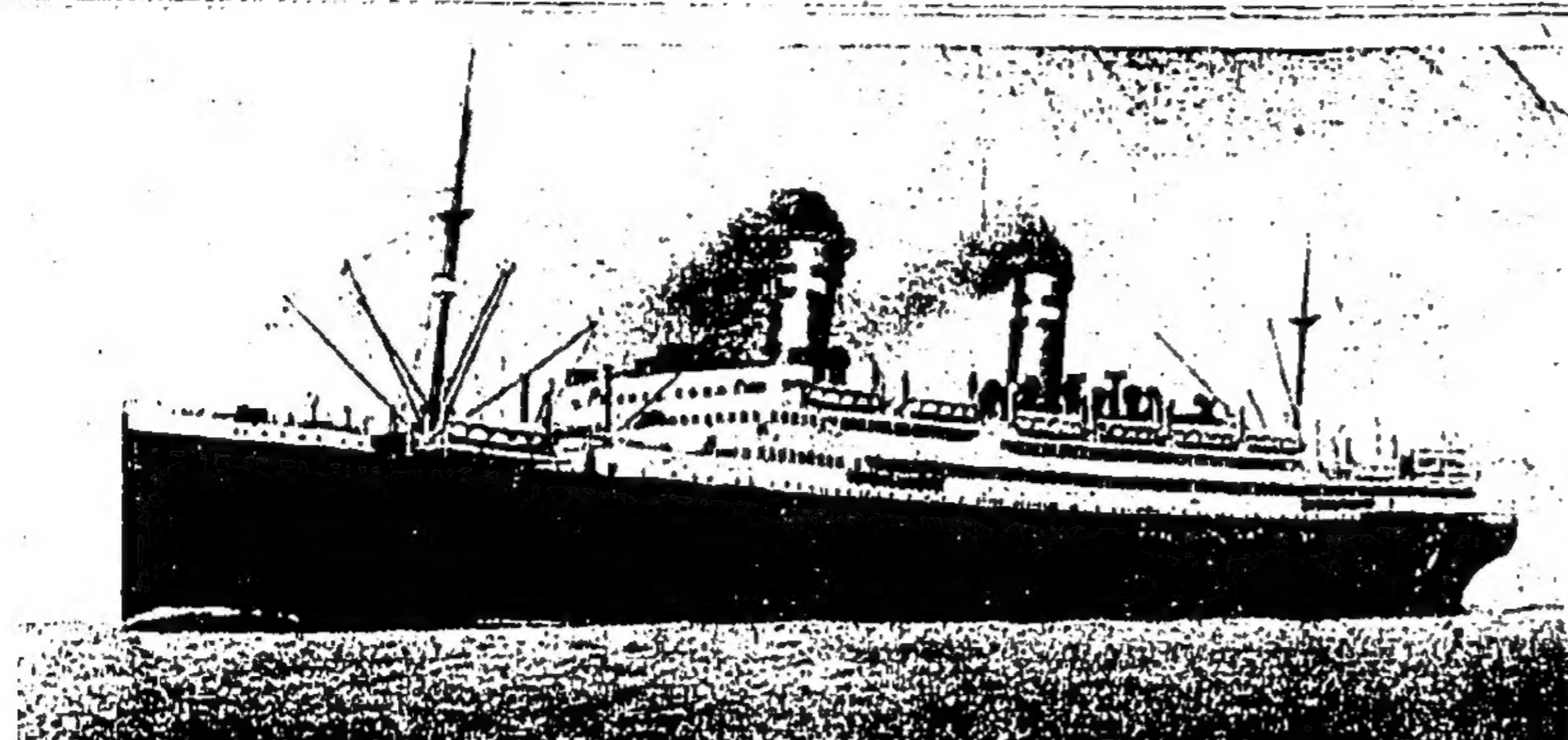
Tsinanfu, capital of Shantung, was shaken and hundreds of window panes were shattered by a terrific explosion of ammunition stored on a special train at Tsinanfu railway station, yesterday morning.

Five soldiers and railway guards were killed and eight others wounded. The on-fire train was wrecked while the station was badly damaged.

A passenger train, standing close by, escaped without serious damage. The ammunition belonged to the division under Koo Liang-min, stationed at Tsinanfu, and was about to be sent to Yenchow along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway. —*Reuter.*

WHOLE WORLD IN DISINTEGRATION.

Prime Minister's Powerful Plea for a Spirit of Realism.



The crack Italian liner, s.s. Conte Rosso, which is being placed on the Far East run and will enable passage from Hongkong to London in 22 days; in less time if travellers disembark at Brindisi and make their own arrangements. She does over 20 knots.

TEXT OF THE LEAGUE RESOLUTION.

COMMISSION OF FIVE TO BE APPOINTED.

TERMS OF REFERENCE.

London, Dec. 9.

The League Council's revised resolution on the Manchurian crisis calls upon the Chinese and Japanese Governments to take all steps necessary to ensure execution of the September resolution, and appoints a Commission of five, with the addition of a Chinese and a Japanese Assessor, to inquire into the problems on the spot. A vote will be taken on the Resolution to-morrow.

Paris, Dec. 9.

Right up to the last minute, there appeared to be some doubt whether a public meeting of the Council would be held this afternoon, but after the principal members, with the Chinese and Japanese representatives absent, had met at noon, it was decided to proceed as arranged.

The following is the text of the draft resolution which was read to the Council this afternoon by M. Briand.

"The Council of the League

(1) reaffirms the resolution passed unanimously by it on September 30, 1931, whereby the two parties declare that they are solemnly bound by it, and therefore call upon the Chinese and Japanese Governments to take all the steps necessary to ensure its execution so that the withdrawal of the Japanese troops to within the Railway Zone may be effected as speedily as possible;

(2) considering that events have assumed an even more serious aspect since the Council meeting of October 24, notes that the two parties undertake to adopt all measures necessary to avoid any further aggravation of the situation;

(3) invites the two parties to continue to keep the Council informed regarding developments in the situation;

(4) invites other members of the Council to furnish the Council with any information received from their representatives on the spot;

Commission of Five.

(5) without prejudice to the carrying out of the above-mentioned measures and desiring, in view of the special circumstances of the case, to contribute towards a final and fundamental solution by the two Governments of the questions at issue between them, the Council decides to appoint a Commission of five members, to study on the spot and report to the Council on any circumstances which affect international relations and threaten to destroy peace between China and Japan or the good understanding between them upon which peace depends.

Hongkong to London In 22 Days.

CRACK LINER FOR SUEZ ROUTE.

As a result of the re-organisation and improvement of the Lloyd Triestino service, it will be possible early in the New Year to make the journey from Hongkong to London via Suez in the remarkably short period of 22 days.

This development will follow the placing on the service of the 17,048-ton steamer Conte Rosso, which is being taken off the South America run and definitely assigned to the Europe-Far East service.

The Conte Rosso is sailing from Europe in February and is due here early in March. She will make the trip from Hongkong to Venice in 21 days, and it will be possible for passengers to catch the 12.30 p.m. train on arrival and reach London at 10.30 p.m. the following day.

Twenty-Knot Liner.

Equipped in a most lavish manner, the Conte Rosso is 570 feet long, 74 feet in breadth and has a depth of 35 feet. She carries 269 first-class, 282 second-class and 168 economic second-class passengers. Every possible comfort is provided for passengers. The liner is capable of a speed of over 20 knots.

Through passages from Hongkong to London can only be booked via Venice, but if passengers wish to make a slightly faster trip, they can do so by disembarking at Brindisi and making their own arrangements for the overland trip, thus saving about half a day.

At the present time, the Company's service is maintained by the steamers *Gange* (12,572 tons), *Crucovia* (8,050 tons) and *Milana* (8,050 tons). The *Gange* does the trip to Venice in 25 days and the *Crucovia* and *Milana* in 30 days.

Ports of Call.

The new service will be maintained by the Conte Rosso and the *Gange*. The latter's dimensions are 477 feet in length, 60 feet breadth and 43 feet depth. She carries 236 first-class, 80 second-class and 62 economic second-class.

The ports of call will be Trieste, Venice, Brindisi, Port Said, Suez, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai. The agents are Dodwell and Co.

Fares from Hongkong to London including rail trip, will be first-class, £101; second-class, £70.

SPRINGBOKS' TOUR.

CHESHIRE AND LANCASHIRE DEFEATED.

London, Dec. 9. The South African rugby fifteen continue their triumphant progress. To-day they defeated a combined Cheshire and Lancashire XV by twenty points to nine. —*Reuter.*

LABOUR VOTE OF CENSURE.

RETURN TO BARTER DAYS ADVOCATED.

STERLING'S VALUE.

GOVERNMENT REFUSAL TO COMMIT ITSELF.

THE WHOLE WORLD is now in gradually increasing economic, social and political disintegration, declared the Prime Minister in the House of Commons last night, replying to a vigorous speech by Sir Stafford Cripps, who moved a vote of censure on the Government. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald promised

An international conference immediately the experts now sitting at Basle have submitted their report;

That the British Government will approach the conference in a spirit of realism, seeking complete readjustment, not a tiding over of difficulties; Legislation to prevent rent profiteering, (one of the Labour complaints).

The Prime Minister announced that the Government declined to make a declaration now that Britain is not going to base sterling again on gold, or that it would fix the value of sterling, either as a controlled or as a gold-basis currency. It would, he said, be madness and folly to declare now what sterling's value will be permanently, in view of the conditions affecting sterling, and without a settlement of the international circumstances controlling the value of sterling.

CARRYING OUT THE MANDATE.

London, Dec. 9.

The Labour vote of censure, regretting the failure of the Government to deal with the problems of currency and exchange, and the development of international trade, and to produce plans for meeting the problems of unemployment and high rents, was moved in the House of Commons to-night by Sir Stafford Cripps, who said the return of the National Government to power had not restored confidence.

There was continued uncertainty, he said, because apparently the Government had no cure other than to tinker with the problem which was an international one.

Return to Barter.

He advocated a return to the barter system through Import and Export Boards, pending an exploration of the currency situation.

He accused the Government of failing to provide for distress in the coming winter due to unemployment and the economy cuts. The Prime Minister, replying, said that a declaration of Government's intentions with regard to currency stabilization while the present uncertain conditions prevailed would be far from serving the purpose of restoring confidence.

He drew attention to the international causes of the difficulties with which Britain was faced. British trade was suffering because of world poverty. The only enlightened policy was to seek to increase the volume of world trade and that the Government would continue to do.

They regretted the delay in bringing the nations of the world into conference on these problems, but they were sure the exports now sitting at Basle were fully

aware of the urgency of their task and would prepare their report with expedition.

International Parley.

Immediately thereafter, a conference of Governments should be held and, in the British Government's view, that conference should approach its work in the spirit of realism, examining the whole facts and aiming at an agreement which would not merely tide over the difficulties temporarily, but which would set the whole world, now in gradually increasing economic, social and political disintegration, on a footing of hopeful effort and endeavour.

This could be done only by the consciousness on the part of all nations that whatever their own circumstances, their own continuing prosperity depended on the prosperity and (Continued on Page 7.)

GERMAN BANK RATE.

LOWERED FROM EIGHT TO SEVEN PER CENT.

Berlin, Dec. 9. The Reichsbank to-day announced a reduction of the discount rate from eight to seven per cent. —*Reuter.*

AIR MAIL SUSPENDED.

We are informed by the postal authorities that information has been received that the air mail service between Shanghai and Manchouli is suspended.

The acceptance of letters for this service is accordingly discontinued until further notice.



Lord Castletewart, an Irish peer, who suggested in the House of Commons yesterday it is premature to expect a decision regarding the report of the H. K. Currency Mission.

H.K. CURRENCY REPORT.

NO DECISIONS TAKEN.

STATEMENT IN COMMONS.

London, Dec. 10.

The recommendations of the Hongkong Currency Mission, headed by Mr. W. H. Clegg, was the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day.

The Government was asked whether there was any intention of taking action upon the recommendations of the Commission.

Earl Castletewart said that no decision had yet been taken, and pointed out that the Report was only recently published. —*Reuter.*

Silver Declines Sharply.

A sharp decline of 15/16ths in the price of silver on the London market has reacted on the Hongkong dollar, which opened at 1s. 5.5/16d. on demand this morning, this representing a drop of a farthing.

The decline in London was due to general selling and lack of support. After the official fixing, the market ruled quiet and uncertain.

In New York, silver was down from 30 to 29 1/2.

The cross-rate improved to 3.28. Shanghai opened at 1s. 11/16d., but later became a trifle steadier at 1s. 11.7/16d.

Locally, the market is about 1s. 5.9/16d., with dull conditions prevailing. The undertone is uncertain.

HOUSE OF LORDS AND INDIA.

GOVERNMENT POLICY CRITICISED.

London, Dec. 9.

The debate in the House of Lords on the Government's Indian policy was continued to-day.

Lord Brentford held that the Government's scheme was ill-digested.

Lord Reading emphasised that the scheme had the approval of the Cabinet and an overwhelming majority of the House of Commons.

Lord Salisbury questioned if the proposals were practicable. The debate stands adjourned until to-morrow. —*British Wire-less.*

CORTES UNANIMITY.

NEW CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

Madrid, Dec. 10.

The Cortes to-day adopted the new Constitution by unanimous vote. —*Reuter.*

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ROTARY CLUB DINNER.
GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE ON
PUBLIC SERVICE.
CHARTER PRESENTED.

Members of the Hongkong Rotary Club, together with their wives and friends, gathered at the Hongkong Hotel last night to celebrate the Club's first birthday, under the Chairmanship of the President (Sir William Hornell). Two speeches were delivered, one by the President and the other by His Excellency the Governor, who also presented the Club's Charter, which affiliates it with Rotary International.

There was a large and distinguished company of guests. Those supporting the Chairman, in addition to His Excellency the Governor, were the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. C. Gordon Mackie, Mrs. Cameron, Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Southern, Sir Joseph H. Kemp, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Mrs. Wolfe, the Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso and Mrs. Tso, the Bishop of Victoria, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Crossy, Sir Shouson Chow, Mrs. Bellamy, Col. Cousins, and Capt. T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C.

On arrival at the Hotel, His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by Capt. T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C., was received by the Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso, Vice-President of the Rotary Club and conducted to the roof garden.

President's Address.

After the Royal Toast had been honoured, Sir William Hornell, in proposing a toast to the Guests, said in part:

"This is our first birthday. 'The summer hath its joys and winter its delight,' and I suppose that we ought to congratulate ourselves that our birthday is in December. Certainly December is a pleasant month in Hongkong, so pleasant that it provides for a perfect plethora of social orgies. But Your Excellency has found time and strength to be with us to-night. We are proud and honoured. We are very sorry that Lady Peel could not be here, and I know that she is sorry too. Her visit to Canton was planned before we got in with our invitation. That was our fault, or rather mine. We hope that she is finding in the solitude of the Shamone that rest which she has so thoroughly earned. She has got there only just in time, for on the 15th of this month Canton will organise a Rotary Club, then things will begin to hum—it is not all Rotary Clubs that are as quiet as we are.

Before dealing with the other guests, may I say a few words about this singular Rotary Club of ours.

Jim Davidson's recent Rotary tour in the East is now history, and what he did here and the reaction which his activities have evoked and will evoke, will doubtless be duly appraised in the much needed 'History of Hongkong' which has yet to be written. So impetuous was Davidson's enthusiasm, so important his ap-

penal, that many leapt forward in response.

Survival of the Fittest.
Some have since fallen away. Apprehension as to their digestive capabilities and a sudden conviction that to be absent from their offices a minute after two o'clock would endanger the whole discipline of their respective establishments. If not the general commercial prospects of the Colony, were among the difficulties. However, the strong survived and still survive, for we now have 120 members and the Rotary Club of Hongkong has come to stay. As a matter of fact the meetings of the Club start at one o'clock and a few minutes before.

But what is a Rotary Club? Well, when His Excellency has presented our Charter, I am going to have the document read out as well as the six principles of Rotary. Yes! But principles are nice things to hang on the wall so that in moments of elation one can point to them and say 'There's my sentiments.'

Does the Rotary Club, in effect, do more than lunch together once a week and then listen to a lecture or talk, and will it ever do more? The answer is that there is not a single member of this Club who does not realize that we are not a mere luncheon club. But don't let us despise the value of a common meal together. If you want to make a business acquaintance you ask him, I understand, to come to your office; you may possibly adjourn with him to a neighbouring bar, but that is, presumably, only when you want to get something particular out of him by pouring something special into him; if you want to make a friend, you ask him to lunch or dinner.

A Worth-While Movement.
Can you point to any other organization which has been evolved here, or is ever likely to be created, which will bring together weekly, round a common luncheon table, such a varied collection of citizens—citizens, who are there, mark you, by virtue of what they are, namely representative workers in all the most important fields of this Colony's manifold activities.

There are luncheon clubs in Hongkong, and very excellent institutions some of them are. There are flourishing luncheon clubs in England, and some of them exist in the same towns side by side with Rotary Clubs. But, Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask you in all seriousness, would Hongkong have been wise to have rejected the opportunity which the world-wide organization of Rotary International offered us?

After all, if a Rotary Club be nothing better than 'a vast and vulgar machine-like chumminess,' would there be Rotary Clubs in every European country, save Russia, to say nothing of North, South and Central America, Africa, Ceylon, India, Burma, The Dutch East Indies, Malaya, Siam, Indo-China, China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand? If Rotary were not worth while, as Jim Davidson put it a year ago, would some 154,000 men in various parts of the world belong to it? One fool may make many, but you cannot fool everyone everywhere.

Service to Community.
We have undertaken a scheme for equipping and running play-

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God Rest Ye
Chimes
- 3314 { Adanti Fideles
O Sanctissima
Choir
- 4579 { The Manger Throne
The First Nowell
Choir

ANDERSON'S

PUBLIC DISPENSARY.
WANCHAI INSTITUTION
OPENED.

The Wanchai Public Dispensary was opened yesterday afternoon, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, with Hon. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall and Mr. Wong Kwong-tin being among those present.

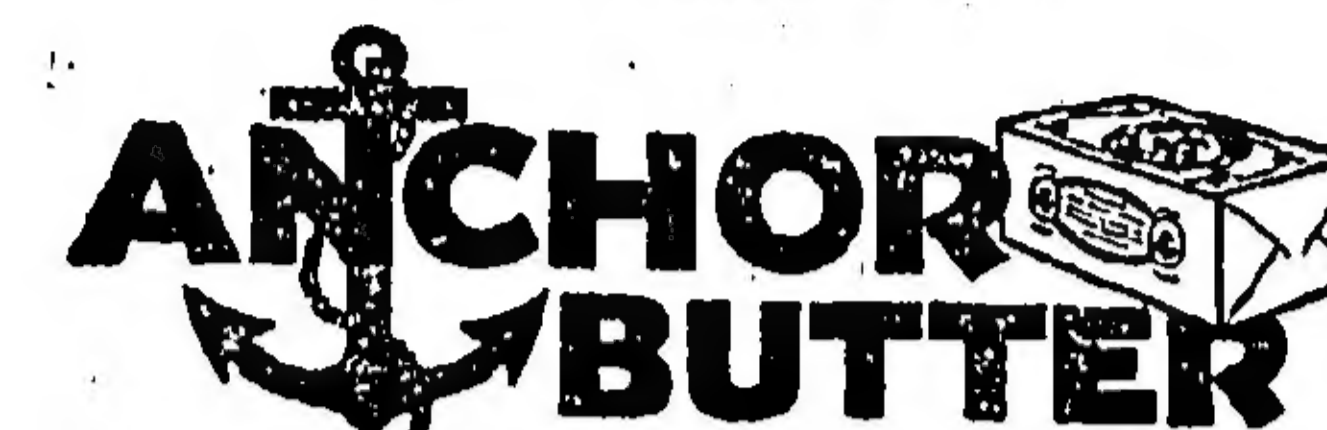
Occupying a floor at Queen's Road East in 1905, the dispensary grew steadily and reconstruction became necessary to afford accommodation for the increasing number of patients. By the joint efforts of Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and Mr. Li Tso-shan a large sum of money was raised for the construction of the present building, which cost more than \$20,000, including furniture. It has an up-to-date maternity ward, with 32 beds, and the very small charge of 20 cents a day, and free accommodation if the patient is too poor to pay, will be a great boon.

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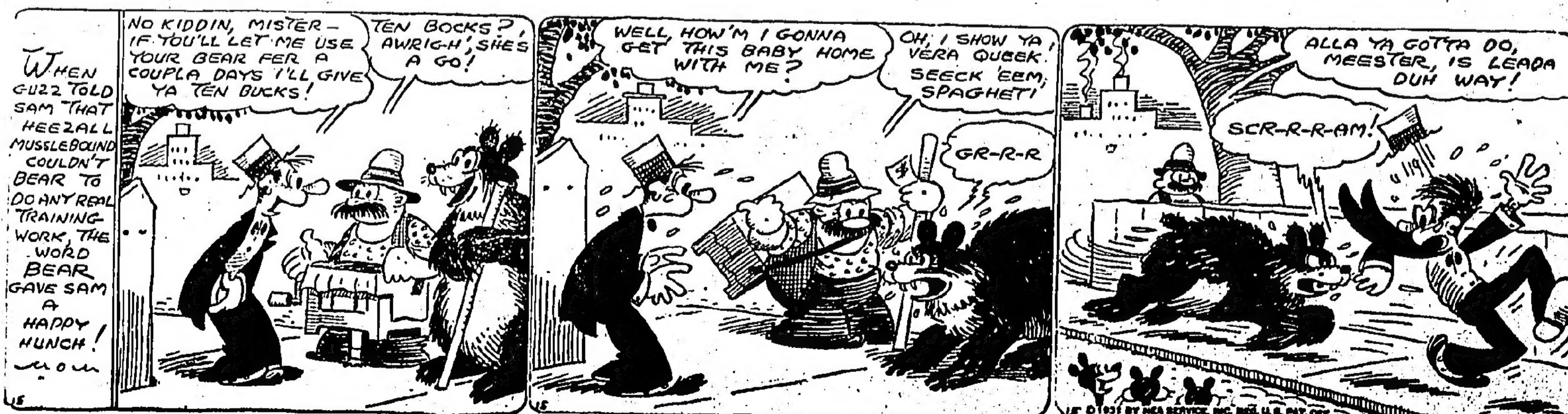
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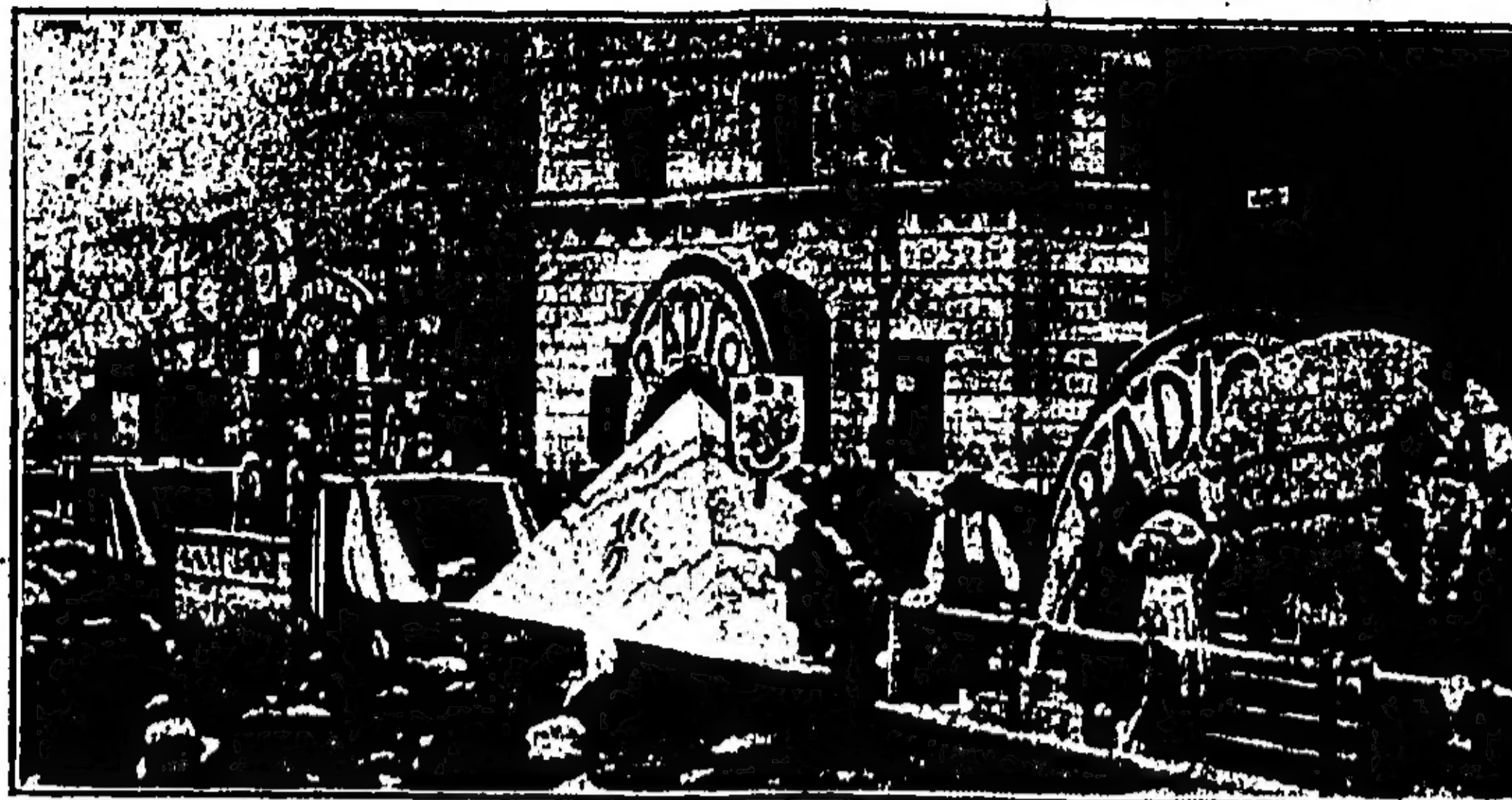
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LORD MAYOR'S SHOW IN LONDON: SPRINGBOKS IN ACTION.



Our picture shows an old London horse-drawn omnibus in the recent Lord Mayor's Show.—(Times copyright).



Although rain marred the Lord Mayor's Show, the usual crowds lined the route of the procession through the City. Our picture shows part of the display representing the radio industry.—(Times copyright).



Picture shows London's Lord Mayor, Sir Maurice Jenkins, in his state chariot.—(Times copyright).



The South Africans opened the scoring in their game with Cambridge University at Cambridge and our picture shows the scoring of South Africa's second try by J. MacDonald, following a scrum near the line. South Africa won by 21 points to 9.—(Times copyright).

Gems of Peril

CHAPTER I.

HAZEL ROSS HAILEY

Mary Harkness, dancing with Dirk Ruyther's arm about her, thought she had never been so happy in her life. Not even that night in the garden a short while ago when she and Dirk had first known they loved one another. Not tonight at dinner with all her friends grouped about the flower-banked table. Mr. Jupiter proposing a toast. Everyone's eyes upon them, merry and mocking, and trying to appear surprised.

Not even yesterday when she had tried on before the pierglass in her room the first Paris dress she had ever owned. All these were rungs, in the ladder of her present happiness. But when you were as completely, as idiotically blissful, as she was at this moment, you had to do something about it, and this was what she wanted to do—just dance, dance on forever with Dirk's arm about her, his dark lean face close to hers, his lips at her ear murmuring tender banter, while the slow rhythm of the tango carried them dreamily down the length of the great ballroom on its sensuous tide.

A Paris dress! And five years ago she couldn't have bought one on Fifth Avenue, not even at a marked-down sale. That dress, like everything else good that had come to her in the years since her father had died, a suicide, and her mother soon after, had been the Jupiters' gift. She owed them everything—even Dirk, in a way. If the younger member of Ruyther and Ruyther, Mr. Jupiter's personal attorneys, had not had to make so many visits to the house with a satchel of legal papers when the old gentleman's rheumatism kept him indoors she and Dirk might never have met.

Just now, when it seemed that her happiness had reached its crest, an inexplicable feeling of fear came over her. The world had dropped from beneath her feet once; it might again. Staring into the past with tragic, unseeing eyes, she put her hand to her throat, which ached with pent-up tears.

Dirk tightened his arm about her, sending her mood.

"Don't cry, little girl," he gibed, "you don't have to marry me. I can always jump off a bridge—or marry Greta Garbo."

That wasn't a tactful thing to say, he realized in dismay even as he said it—that about jumping off a bridge. How had her father done it? Poison, he thought. But Mary laughed—her mood vanished as quickly as it came. Greta Garbo was their name for the girl who had never quite given Dirk up—Cornelia Tabor, of the silk mills Tabors, who had everything money

could buy except Dirk, and didn't like it in the least.

"It's a grand party," Mary remarked with a deep sigh of contentment. "The grandest party in fact that anybody I know has ever had. Mrs. Jupiter must be Santa Claus to have done all this for me."

Dirk smiled, but he was not too pleased; he was in that stage of love in which he was jealous even of her gratitude. If people were to do things for her, he was the one to do them. Nice of the old lady, surely; but from now on Mary was his.

"Yes," he agreed, after observing his hostess judiciously from a distance. "She looks rather like a Christmas tree from here."

Mary squeezed his hand in quick pain.

"Don't!" she said. Mrs. Jupiter's manner of dress might be showy even to the point of vulgarity, but Mary's loyalty would not let her admit it, even to Dirk.

"I know you're fond of the old soul," Dirk answered reasonably, "but honestly, where does she get all the doo-doo? And why wear them all at the same time?"

Mary caught a glimpse of her employer's impressive coiffure with its glittering bandeau of diamonds, between the heads of the dancers, and she could imagine the gonging expanse below. It was really too bad; people talked about it, and poked fun at her. But Mary, who knew why she did it, felt a twinge of shame that other people could not see it, also. It was not because she was vain or fond of show.

"She doesn't do it because she's silly, or doesn't know any better," Mary defended, hotly. "She does it to please Dad. He gave them to her, you know. Those rubies—has she got them on?—are simply priceless. They're heavy to wear and an awful responsibility. She has to keep a constant look-out for thieves. But J. J. is so proud that he's rich enough to give them to her, and all the diamonds and other things, that she wouldn't leave them off for anything in the world."

Dirk was absorbed in watching Mary as she talked; earnestness, and the unusual animation of the moment, became her. His amused estimate of the Jupiters went down under the force of her admiration, which was both sincere and deep.

Looking down into the flushed, serious face of the girl he loved, he forgot everything for a time except how lovely she was, and that she was his.

She had stopped speaking for some minutes before he was aware of it. He drew a deep breath and

resumed his bantering tone. "Will you do as much for me sometime?" he asked lightly.

"Of course," Mary laughed, wagging the finger that held her engagement ring under his nose. "Don't I drag this enormous rock around with me all the time though it nearly wrenches my arm off?"

"Don't jeer. Some day I'll turn you loose in the dime store and you can go the limit, my girl!"

Just then Mary caught sight of Spence's silver tutch in the hall doorway; his eyes roved the room anxiously. Mary slipped out of Dirk's arms.

"It's Mr. Eddie, Miss Mary. He's on the telephone."

"Eddie?" You mean my brother, Eddie? It came into her mind, irrelevantly, that it was after midnight. Why should Eddie call her at such an hour?

She went toward the telephone, a strange uneasiness clutching at her heart.

Mary turned away from the telephone with deep misgivings. The few frightened, jerky sentences her brother had gasped out filled her with alarm that grew deeper the more she thought about it.

Something must be very wrong indeed to have upset her brother's cool self-possession in any such manner. If there was anything Mr. Edward Harkness Junior had prided himself on since his prep school days, it was his nonchalance. "A man of the world"—that was Eddie, always. What could have agitated him so?

Mary sat still for a moment, trying to think what the trouble might be. All that betting on horse-races—it was gambling, of course, and against the law. Eddie had had one or two skirmishes with the police before for the unconventional manner in which he drove his roadster. It might be that—he might have struck somebody, and be running away. The police might be after him. The very thought left her sick with shame and fright. Or he might need money. She tried to think how much she had.

"I'll be there in 10 minutes. Tell the doorman I'm coming, and to let me in." Well, what could she do? She had told him to come ahead, but to come round to the side door; she would leave word that he was to be admitted. He could go right up to her room, and she would go later and see what was up.

That she had done wrong in permitting him to come here, to seek sanctuary in the Jupiters' house, without asking their consent, did not occur to her at the moment. It was only afterward, as she sat thinking it over, that she thought about that.

She got up and went back to the ballroom. She must find Mrs. Jupiter or her husband right away and tell them what she had done. She did not really believe that either of them would mind.

Afterward, there seemed to be



Our picture shows J. H. van der Westhuisen, the South African three-quarter back, getting through to score the first try against Cambridge University recently.—(Times copyright).

no reason for what she did during the next few minutes—or for what she failed to do. Even to herself, wild with regret and self-accusation, it seemed as if she might have told somebody—found someone to share with her the awful responsibility for what came after. But at the time her reasons seemed excellent. What she did seemed the only thing to do.

The floor had cleared during an interval in the dancing and across the room she caught sight of Mrs. Jupiter, magnificent in gold lame and far too many jewels, seated on a divan, watching the dancing with a listless eye. At her side, Mary noticed just in time to check her forward progress, was Dirk's mother, a pale woman in grey chiffon who seemed to be thinking "Rutha a nice party—but horribly overdone!"

It would have been easy to go at once to Mrs. Jupiter and tell her her troubles. If it had not been for Mrs. Ruyther. She was, Mary had to admit to herself, a congenial snob, and a priggish one. With Dirk for a son, she would never be able to understand Eddie's peccadilloes, or condone them. And Mary felt miserably that she had little enough to bring to her union with the impeccable Ruyther family—just herself and a name that had never been brought to shame. If that scant dowry was in danger Mrs. Ruyther must not know.

Mrs. Jupiter did not look any too happy; she looked tired and uncomfortable. The strain of being nice to Mrs. Ruyther was telling on her naturally jolly disposition. From the grimaces she made from time to time, Mary judged with amusement that her shoes hurt, into the bargain.

No, she would not add her own trouble to those from which that poor old woman was already suffering. Mr. Jupiter would be somewhere about—he would be better able to

tell her what to do than his wife would. She knew she would find him outside somewhere, roaming around the grounds, smoking, listening to the music as it filtered out to him, mercifully mellowed by distance. She would go out by way of the terrace, and look all round the house.

As she moved cautiously along the wall, avoiding the heels and elbows of the swooping couples as best she could, she had to pause once to rub tenderly an ankle-bone which had been the target for somebody's French heel. As she looked up she saw just ahead of her, in the corner, Dirk and Cornelia dancing—if they were dancing. They seemed hardly to move at all.

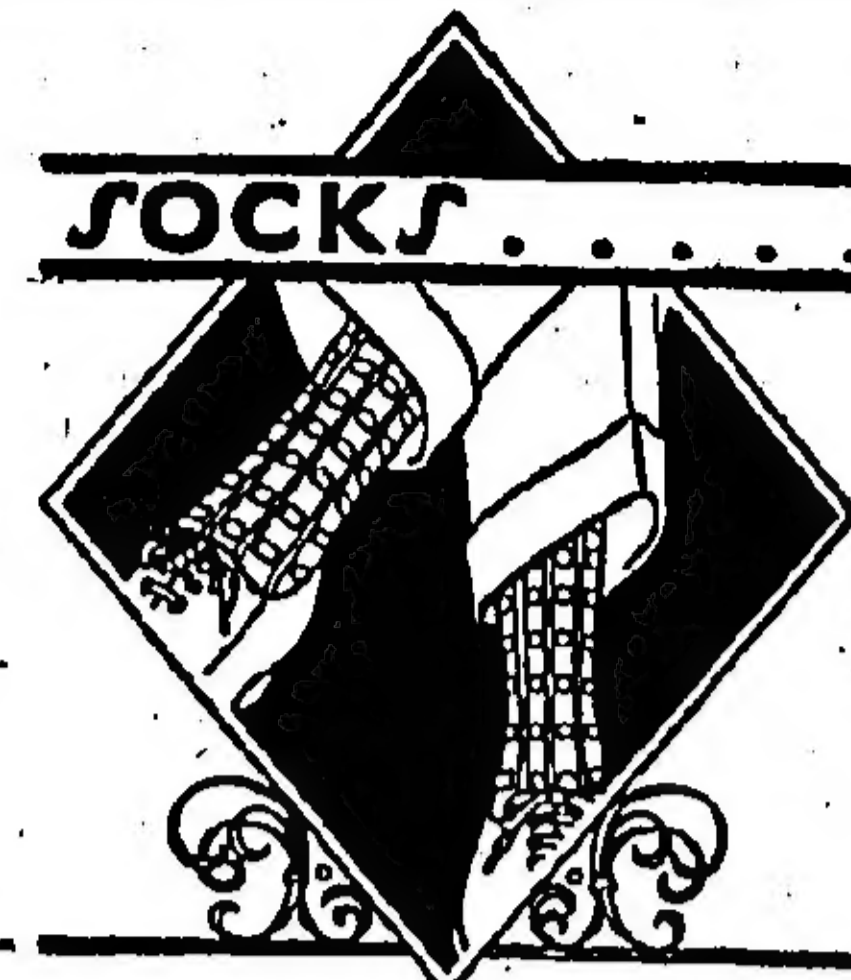
But what was odd was that Cornelia was crying. Mary could see it even though Dirk's back was toward her, shielding the girl from curious eyes. Once he looked about worriedly and she saw that he looked white and strained.

Well! That was a surprise. She hadn't thought Cornelia cared that much, enough to make a spectacle of herself.

What in the world should she do—go forward and let them know she had seen? Her first impulse was to rescue Dirk there and then. Let Cornelia go and cry on somebody else; there were dozens of men present who would gladly dry the tears of the heiress to so many millions. Dirk must feel an awful brute.

As she hesitated, Dirk evidently resolved to get Cornelia away before she made a complete fool of herself; holding her arm firmly, he moved with her toward the wide door opening on the terrace. She reached the door just in time to see them stop outside the circle of light from the doorway and disappear into the dark grounds.

Mary could have stamped her foot with annoyance—if it had not already hurt. She could not follow (Continued on Page 10.)



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Yesterday's Solution

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There are five four-letter words, all composed of the same four letters, missing in the above verse, as indicated by the dots. Can you supply them?

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A GRENADE, BUT HE
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!!

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GOING TO FIND HIM, IF
THAT'S THE LAST THING
HE DID.... HE TOLD ME
TO TELL YOU NOT TO
WORRY ABOUT HIM,
BECAUSE HED BE
ALL RIGHT !!

WHY! HE'LL GET OUT THERE SOMEPLACE AN' LOSE HIMSELF AN' THEN WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK FOR TWO BOYS INSTEAD! OF ONE.....IT TAKES AN EXPERT WOODSMAN NOT TO LOSE HIMSELF IN THIS COUNTRY...

I DONT SEE WHY THEY DONT HAVE POLICEMEN UP HERE... SO, WHEN YOU GET LOST, YOU COULD ASK A COP WHERE YOU ARE!

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The
Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1931.

**AIMING AT BETTER
CRAFTSMANSHIP.**

It is clear from the voluminous
report produced by the Committee
appointed to study the question of
increasing facilities for practical
technical education that the whole
subject has been very closely in-
vestigated. Indeed, the data
which the Committee has gathered
together, and the detailed nature
of the recommendations made,
show that every possible effort
has been made to get at the bot-
tom of the many problems involved.
The result is a document
which should prove of the utmost
value. It is to be hoped, however,
that the time and labour spent on
the subject will not be wasted.
All too often in the past have Com-
mittees been appointed to study
local issues and, after they have
presented their findings, their
reports get pigeon-holed and for-
gotten. In view of the extreme
importance to the Colony as a
whole of the issues dealt with by
the Technical Education Com-
mittee, it will be most regrettable
if the situation is left as it now
stands.

Without at the moment attempt-
ing to analyse the Committee's
conclusions in detail, we should
like to welcome any well-considered
movement which aims at im-
proving craftsmanship in this
Colony. It is unhappily the truth
that local craftsmanship leaves a
very great deal to be desired, in
spite of some outward evidences
to the contrary. This is so in
practically every sphere, from the
art of dressmaking, for example,
to the construction of skyscrapers.
Indeed, we need not contrast the
work of Western countries with
that turned out here to establish
this point: there are Far Eastern
centres which can put Hongkong
to shame so far as really good
craftsmanship is concerned. At
root, the reason is one of lack of
real training. If we except some of
the bigger establishments, which
make some effort to start lads on
a proper basis, the apprenticeship
system in Hongkong is often ruth-
lessly exploited. Boys whose parents
cannot afford to keep them at
school put them into employment
under conditions in which they
cannot hope to receive anything
approaching modern training. By
the "look-see" method they manage
to pick up the rudiments of their
trade, but they seldom become
truly efficient workmen. The

trouble is not that the Chinese are
not good workers; they are. In-
deed, given proper tuition and in-
struction, they are probably un-
equalled. But there is too much
that is slipshod in the way they
acquire their knowledge. On the
other hand, experience has shown,
both here and in other parts of
the East, that when the Chinese
artisan is carefully trained under
European supervision he develops
into a first-class man. As an
example of this, though small in
a way, yet at the same time
illustrating the point, we may cite
the results of foreign training in
our own Process Department, the
work turned out by which is ad-
mittedly infinitely superior to that
from purely Chinese establish-
ments.

There are many other aspects
of the question which could be
gone into, but we will content
ourselves now with the hope that
the future will witness some very
real reforms in training the
rising generation of this Colony
from the technical point of view.
In particular, there is a great
need, mentioned in the Committee's
report, of supervisory workers
equipped with real knowledge of
their jobs. Particularly is this
the case in the building trade.
As things are, there must be a
tremendous amount of wasted
effort caused by the necessity for
undoing of indifferent work.
Economics, of course, are involved
in the general question of adequate
training of young artisans, but
the scheme proposed by the Com-
mittee, of which the main feature
is the creation of a real Technical
School, with evening classes, ap-
pears to us to be the first and
most essential step in the right
direction.

Germany's Finances.

By squeezing the last mite out of
her people, reducing salaries all
round and holding off her creditors,
Germany still strives to keep her
currency on the gold standard.
There is no longer any doubt, how-
ever, that the rumours in circula-
tion early this week, suggesting
early abandonment—and immedi-
ately denied—were based upon good
reasoning and sound estimates of
her internal financial position. Ur-
ging the need for relief from re-
parations before the Young Plan
Advisory Committee, Dr. Melchior
admits the facts, disclosing that
the Reichsbank's gold cover, after
deduction of liabilities in foreign
currencies, has dropped to twelve
per cent. In other words, the
country's ability to maintain a gold-
basis currency consists in emer-
gency decrees and not sound fin-
ance. Relatively, Great Britain's
position in September last, when
the decision to go off gold was
made, was much stronger than is
Germany's to-day. In the face of
these facts, France is still trying
to restrict discussion at Basle, is
arguing that the payment of re-
parations must come before the
payment of private creditors, and
is hoping to keep the problem of
the short-term credits frozen in
Germany subordinate to repara-
tions. The attitude is one which
it is difficult to understand, quite
apart from lending it support.
The trouble seems to be that French
economies are overlaid by politics.
Some of her statesmen have had
the most admirable intentions, but
the emphasis that has been put on
politics has not allowed them to
perform their functions in the best
interests of Europe, or rather, not
until it is too late. France has been
among the countries which have
from time to time taken generous
initiatives. There has been pro-
gress towards a settlement in ac-
cordance with Germany's capacity.
But these moves have always been
behind the necessities of the mo-
ment. If a quarter of what the
countries of Europe were prepared
to do to-day had been done ten
years ago, it would have been effec-
tive. To-day, full consciousness
of real needs still seems to be
lacking, or is not finding clear ex-
pression in the quarters where it
is likely to be of most value. The
phrase "Too Late" is the most
tragic in the history of interna-
tional relations. It will be heard
again in the very near future un-
less a different spirit is soon ex-
hibited.

IF YOU LIVED IN RUSSIA THE TOPSY-TURVY LAND OF THE SOVIETS

AS SEEN BY JULIA BLANSHARD

If you were an expectant mother in Russia, it would pay you to be a factory worker. You would be entitled to four months off with pay when the baby was born.
If you were a lawyer, teacher or clerical worker, you would get three months' vacation from work—either two months before your baby was born and one afterwards—or one month before and two afterwards.
You would have no worry over doctor's or nurse's bills. You would be entitled to 10 days free in the hospital. In overcrowded Moscow, you might get only three days, to make room for some body else, but you would be sure of free care.

DAY BY DAY

DOES A MAN SPEAK FOOLISHLY?
—SUFFER HIM GLADLY, FOR YOU ARE
WISE. DOES HE SPEAK ERRONEOUS-
LY?—STOP SUCH A MAN'S MOUTH
WITH SOUND WORDS THAT CANNOT
BE GAINSAYED. DOES HE SPEAK
TRUTH?—REJOICE IN THE TRUTH.
—*Oliver Cromwell.*

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia,
which left Shanghai at 9 a.m. to-day,
is due here at 8 a.m. on Saturday,
sailing for Manila at 7 p.m. the same
day.

A conservancy junk yesterday went
aground at the west end of Stone-
cutters and became waterlogged.
The crew were all taken off by a
police launch.

The forthcoming wedding is an-
nounced of Mr. Charles Irvin Barnes,
No. 65, Ave. Cons. F. de Almeida,
Macao, to Miss Emmanuela Hyndman
Rosario, also of Macao.

By taking turpentine liniment, a
Chinese living at No. 2 Bowington
Canal, sought to take his life
yesterday. He was in a serious way
when removed to hospital.

We have received from Messrs.
Dodwell and Co., Ltd., two effective
wall calendars issued by Messrs.
Huntley and Palmer, Ltd., the well-
known biscuit manufacturers.

Mr. J. Russell will speak on
"Sidelights on Religion" at a public
lecture at the Hongkong Lodge, the
Theosophical Society, 17, Queen's
Road Central, to-day at 8 p.m.

The Secretary of the Hongkong
Horticultural Society states that
according to present arrangements,
the Committee have decided to hold
the Annual show of flowers and
vegetables on Thursday, March 3,
1932.

Prof. English, of the Medical
College, Singapore, will give a lecture
in the Union Assembly Hall of the
Hongkong University under the aus-
pices of the Medical Society, to-day,
at 5.30 p.m. Members and others
interested are welcome.

We regret to have to record the
death of Mrs. Xavier, widow of the
former signman at the Peak Look-
Out Station. The deceased lady, who
leaves two sons, Mr. Louis Xavier, of
Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.,
and Mr. Stephen Xavier, of Sydney,
as well as several daughters, was
widely known and greatly respected.
Much sympathy will be felt for the
family in their bereavement.

Miss Stella Hyndman, of No. 33,
Leighton Hill Road, was the victim
of a bag-snatcher who operated near
the St. Francis Hotel in Queen's Road
yesterday afternoon. Miss Hyndman,
on feeling a tug at her handbag,
engaged in a tussle with the thief,
who, in fleeing, was tripped up by a
European passer-by and arrested.
The culprit was given nine months'
hard labour by Mr. Williams at the
Central Police Court this morning.



Health is stressed by the Soviets, and above you see workers
rejuvenating at the summer palace of the former Czar at Lavanda,
near Yalta, in Crimea. Below, a kolkoz worker brings her child
to the government nursery for medical inspection at stated in-
tervals, as all mothers are required to do.

The Soviet government has so-
cialized the whole medical profes-
sion. All doctors are on the state
payroll, all workers' doctor bills
are paid by the state.
One day I visited a Moscow gen-
eral dispensary located in an out-
lying district, where there are two
huge textile factories and one
metallurgical and one chemical
factory. This dispensary is re-
sponsible for the health of the 42-
000 persons in this district. It
handles 1,000 cases a day. Every-
thing from a pair of glasses to a
major operation is free. All the
doctors, nurses, dietitians and
others workers are government
employees.

Five lines of men, women and
children waited in the hall, be-
fore the windows that registered
patients. A huge wall newspaper,
gaudily got up with coloured
crayon sketches and printing, cau-
tioned patients to "talk only to the
doctor about your sickness." The
wall newspaper also quite uncon-
sciously gave a cue to the handi-
caps that this particular hospital
labours under by listing the
"dreams" of staff members of Pol-
land.

"Nurses dream of bringing the
Moscow river to the hospitals so
they would have plenty of water,"
one line read. Others said, "The
director dreams that his new
electrical machine, can handle 1-
000 cases a day." "The doctors
dream of huge stores, stocked to
the roof with supplies and equip-

ment and carrying caviar and
plenty of potatoes."

I arrived just in time to join
a tour of inspection that the hos-
pital director was taking with six
young doctors, five girls and one
boy, who had just graduated from
the Moscow Medical College.
They were the first group to com-
plete their five-year medical
course in four.

The dispensary was an enorm-
ous place with consultation rooms
for everything from a Red army
medical examination to a clinic on
fatal skin and eye troubles which
workers suffered in the chemical
factory. There was a special wing
for children and a huge depart-
ment for women.
"All women in Russia should
know methods of birth control by
the end of the Five-Year Plan,"
the director told me. "All hospi-
tals, the Zags Marriage Bureau,
the Red Army and all factories
give special information." I saw
birth control pamphlets in many
Moscow drug stores.

Abortions are legal in Russia.
But the government insists that
women go to the hospitals and
have scientific care. Such women
are entitled to three days' hospi-
talization and 10 days' vaca-
tion from work with pay. Anyone not
belonging to a labour union must
pay; the charge is based on wages
and varies from four roubles to 60
roubles.

Russia's medical care of its chil-
dren is one of its most successful
health programmes. In the first
years, after the revolution, the
death rate was 47 children to
every one thousand. Now 19 to
every one thousand. The Ameri-
can figure is 14 to 1,000.

The "Institute for Mother and
Child" is largely responsible for
this health improvement. I visited
the original Institute in Mos-
cow. Its huge grey stone build-
ings flank a spacious park with
flower gardens and trees. Here
an open-air nursery is maintained
in summer which accommodates
350 babies. There is a museum
of rudimentary child health—how
to wash a baby, dress a baby, pre-
pare the baby's formula and
sterilize its bottle.

A flaming poster of a militant
little babies' Soviet caught my eye.
I read, "We demand protection
from flies. We want clean, dry
diapers and milk from freshly
washed bottles."

Other graphic posters an-
nounced: "A closed window opens
the door for the undertaker." And,
"Pacifiers kill more babies than
cannons kill grown-ups."

No soldier in the Red army can
get through his compulsory ser-
vice without. Having been taken
through this museum or some ex-
hibits from it. Schools and uni-
versities send their pupils to be
instructed in the care of their
younger sisters and brothers.
Every factory has special pro-
grammes instructing both fathers and
mothers. And the government
(Continued on Page 7.)



"All right, I'll take one, if you're sure they're out of season."

ANTI-JAPANESE
AGITATION.TROUBLE OCCURS IN
FOOCHOW.

Foochow, Dec. 5.
A clash took place on Thursday afternoon between the management of the Foochow Electric Works and some representatives of the Anti-Japanese Association. The latter, numbering some thirty persons, arrived in three motor cars, and said they had come to see whether the Electric Works were using Japanese coal and oil.

They were politely received by the secretary, who took them in and began to explain the situation, but at length they became so violent that they had to be forcibly ejected from the premises.

Police came on the scene and restored order, but, as might be expected, advantage has been taken of the opportunity to work up a general agitation against the brothers Liu who own the Electric Works. As these men are very influential in Foochow, and have a monopoly of the electric power in and near Foochow, the situation is not at all an easy one, and the Government have been giving close attention to it.

Many of the schools are to-day on strike in sympathy with the Anti-Japanese Association, and demand the punishment of the Electric Works authorities; and the students are doing propaganda work with leaflets and in view. A number of shops are also on strike.

Our Own Correspondent.

CONSTABLE'S BAD
RECORD.FINED FOR LEAVING
HIS BEAT.

Appearing before Mr. Grantham at the Central Police Court this morning on a charge of misconduct by leaving his beat without permission and being found in 6, Shing Wo Street, Wanchai, a Chinese constable, Mok Ying, attached to No. 2 Police Station, was fined \$50 or one month's hard labour in default.

When charged the defendant said he had gone into the house to drink tea.

Inspector J. McCallan, officer in charge of the Wanchai Police Station, informed his Worship that at about 25 minutes past midnight on December 1, the defendant was seen by Sergeant Heimsley coming out of 6, Shing Wo Street. The defendant went on duty at midnight and apparently went straight to the house where he would probably have returned until 4 a.m., when his duty finished.

The prosecuting officer remarked that it was because of the defendant's record that the present proceedings had been taken. He had been reported on seven previous occasions.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

INCREASE IN STORAGE
OVER LAST YEAR.

The total storage in the Colony's reservoirs at first of the month was 2,427.86 million gallons as compared with 2,251.48 million gallons on December 1, last year.

Of this total storage 1,845.66 million gallons was in the Island reservoirs and 582.21 million gallons in those of Kowloon, as compared with 1,762.79 m.g. in Hongkong and 498.09 in Kowloon last year.

The consumption on the Island for the month was 383.20 m.g. for an estimated population of 381,500, giving a consumption per head per day of 30.5 gallons, as compared with a consumption of 296.50 m.g. for an estimated population of 448,046 with a consumption of 22 gallons per head per day last year.

The consumption in Kowloon was 151.54 m.g. for an estimated population of 293,050 giving a consumption of 17.2 gallons per head per day, as compared with 135.51 m.g. for an estimated population of 177,880, giving a consumption of 25.3 gallons per head per day in 1930.

The rainfall for the period is given as 75.84 as against 55.20 for the same period last year.

DRAMA AT AN
OPERATION.SURGEON'S FATAL
SEIZURE.

Hamilton (Ontario), Nov. 11.
A brilliant surgeon, while dying himself, conquered the intense pain which he was suffering in order to complete a difficult operation to save the life of another man at the hospital here to-day.

Dr. Frederick Mowbray, one of Canada's leading surgeons, was performing an operation when he had a heart seizure.

Although in agony, he would not leave the operating theatre until his task was finished. Then he collapsed and died in the hospital a few minutes later.

Dr. Mowbray was a member of the staff of the General Hospital at Hamilton, and was head of a clinic known throughout Canada.

MERITED HONOUR.

CAPT. DOLLAR MEMBER OF
HISTORIC SOCIETY.

Captain Robert Dollar, dean of American shipping men, has been elected an honorary member of the historic Marine Society of New York which was founded in 1769 and has listed in its membership books many of the outstanding shipmasters of the past and present whose fame is known wherever seafarers gather.

Captain Ralph B. Dinko, president of the Marine Society, has made public the following letter addressed to Captain Dollar, notifying him of his election:

"I have great pleasure in advising you that at the October meeting of the Marine Society of the City of New York you were unanimously elected an honorary member of the society. This honour has been conferred upon you in appreciation of your efforts in the field of American shipping. A certificate of membership has been mailed to you this day, under separate cover.

"The Marine Society was formed in 1769, its objects being the relief of distressed shipmasters, and their widows and children, and the promotion of maritime knowledge. It has no affiliations, political or otherwise, and its finances are on a sound basis. Honorary members pay no dues, and incur no financial obligation in accepting such membership.

Noted members of the society are: N. B. Palmer of the Collins Line; Marshall of the famous Black Ball Line; Cressy of the ship Flying Cloud; Waterman of the ship Challenge; Babcock of the Young America; Samuel Samuels of the Dreadnaught; Ezra Nye of the Henry Clay; Randall of the Levathan, and many others too numerous to mention.

As honorary members, George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, Robert R. Livingston, Charles Evans Hughes, Calvin Coolidge and J. Brewster Smith are names that appear on the list.

When Washington was inaugurated President of the United States, the boat in which he crossed from New Jersey to Battery Park in this city was manned by seven shipmasters, all members of the Marine Society, Captain Thomas Randall acting as coxswain.

"Captain Robert Richard Randall, the founder of Sailors' Snug Harbour, was a Marine Society member, and the president and first vice-president of the society are trustees of that institution. Sailors' Snug Harbour, and always has been, self-supporting, and to-day is furnishing a home for nearly 300 worn-out seamen. Captain Randall's father, Captain Thomas Randall, was one of the founders of the Marine Society.

In welcoming you to membership in this society, which is sincerely hoped you will accept, we take the occasion to extend to you our very best wishes for your continued success and happiness."

RACING ENTRIES.

SITTING BULL FOR THE
CHAMPIONS.

December Handicap, 1 Mile.—Blue Boy (140), Ataman (145), Sanction (145), Edenbridge (140), King's Blower (165), King's Service (165), Bright Star (165), Wise Stag (140), African Fox (140), Young Pretender (140), Spray (150), Phocant (140), The Gomeril (140), Crown Prince (140), Marquis Hall (140).

Barrier Reef Handicap, 1 Mile.—Floretta (130), Moon Star (155), Rosemary (145), St. Moritz (165), Tunderclap (140).

Tardy Stakes, 1 Mile: "B1" and "B2" Classes.—Daylight Eve (166), Paul Pry (168), Pride of Taingao (160), Sanction (161), Crown Prince (165), Young Pretender (149).

Night Plate, 1 Mile: "D1" Class.—As You Like It (154), Bronze Eyes (167), Heliotrope Leaf (160), Twilight (153).

Hongkong Autumn Champions, 1 1/2 Miles.—Boxing Eve (152), Wisdom Sing (150), Pride of Taingao (155), Elliot Bay (152), Glencaigles (158), Sitting Bull (152).

Hongkong Autumn Sub-Griffus Champions, 1 1/2 Miles.—Celery (152), Bay of Bellingham II (152), Serapiti (149), The Grouse (149), Pacemaker (152), Fi-Fa (152), Good Day (146).

Plenary Plate, 1 Mile: "D2" Class.—Brown Eyes (153), Bright Eyes (152), Celery (150), Chocoy II (160), Happy Choice (151), Sunning (154), Sunny Day (148), The Turbot (148).

Final Plate, 1 1/2 Miles: "C1" and "C2" Classes.—Belmont Hall (163), Imperial Hall (160), Orlando (150), The Gomeril (153), Blue Boy (155), Brunswick Hall (155), Cream Cracker (140), Edenbridge (158), Grey Dawn (152), Mount Elburz (149), The Phoenix (146), Vainoise (149), Wise Stag (155).

TEN MEN ON A RAFT.

AIRMAN SIGHTS THEM IN
MID-OCEAN.

Bulbon (Panama Canal), Nov. 10.

On a raft floating in the midst of wreckage some 75 miles off Cartagena, Colombia, ten men have been sighted by a Panama Airways pilot.

The wind was too high to allow the airman to alight and obtain details and take succour, but the raft and its desolate crew are a constant vessel which was wrecked a short time ago and could not summon help because it was not equipped with wireless.

The record will, however, be beaten if the airman reach a point 100 miles south of the Cuenca River in South West Africa.

The aeroplane carries nearly four tons of fuel, and is fitted with an automatic pilot to relieve the airman at the controls for some hours at a time.—British Wireless.

ITALIAN EX-PREMIER.



Signor Salandra, Prime Minister of Italy in the early days of the War, and a keen opponent of Signor Mussolini in 1924, whose death is reported.

WHOLE WORLD IN
DISINTEGRATION.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the tranquility of the whole world. It was in that spirit that the British Government would enter the conference.

Premier's Claim.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald claimed that the Government had been remarkably swift in action. They had made a essential contribution to the country's problems by balancing the budget. Also they had dealt with abnormal importation, which was imposing a heavy burden on sterling exchange, and they had pursued a policy of maintaining the domestic value of sterling.

Referring to rents, the Premier said that the Government had some evidence of unfair raising of rents, and he forecast legislation which would give protection in these cases.

The Government, he said, had been given a mandate to seek to revive world trade and to secure Britain's proper share in it, using every resource at hand. That mandate they were carrying out.

Later in the discussion, the Labour onslaught was countered by strong speeches from the extreme section of the Conservative Party, who demanded the imposition of a comprehensive tariff.

Tariffists Parried.

The debate on the vote of censure was ultimately adjourned after Mr. Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, had parried the attack of the Tariffists, who were strongest in their demand for the protection of the iron and steel industry.

Mr. Runciman pleaded that more time must be granted to consider such a vital matter.

Edge of Precipice.

He declared that we were not so near the edge of the precipice as some of the members appeared to think. By assiduity and impartial survey, we could hope to anticipate a solution of our problems.—Reuter and British Wireless.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK
A RECORD.BRITISH AEROPLANE FOR
DISTANCE FLIGHT.

London, Dec. 9.

Preparations are in train for the departure from Cranwell aerodrome, on December 22, of Squadron Leader Gayford and Flight Lieutenant Bett, in an attempt to set up a new world record for distance flown nonstop by an aeroplane in a straight-line.

The present record is held by the two American airmen who flew 5,012 miles from New York to Constantinople.

The British attempt is being made in a Fairey long range monoplane, equipped with a 650 horsepower Napier Lion engine, which recently made a trial flight to Egypt. The destination will be Capetown, and the route will be via Marseilles, Tunis, the Sahara, Nigeria, Portuguese West Africa and Walfish Bay. The distance by this route to Capetown is 5,990 miles.

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GIANT BANDIT
ARRESTED.HUNT FOR SPADA
CONTINUES.

Ajaccio, Nov. 15.

It was rumoured to-day that Spada, the most formidable of the Corsican bandits, had been captured, and though the report was denied later the police are hopeful of putting their hands on him before long, also on Bornen, the former gendarme.

An accomplice of Bornen, Prosotti, has been arrested. Prosotti is a shepherd; he is 6ft. 10in. in height and weighs 22 stone. Two further arrests that are expected to be made shortly are those of Caviglioli, the younger, and Torre, who are reported to have taken refuge in a shepherd's hut overlooking the Gulf of Sagone.

They are both nephews of the notorious Caviglioli, who was killed in a brush with gendarmes a short time ago. Torre is only 21, and was formerly a sergeant in the Marines, from which he deserted. He is regarded as the most dangerous of the bandits after Spada.

He is armed with an automatic rifle, but, like all outlaws, is believed to be short of ammunition. His companion, Caviglioli, was a boat boy in an hotel in Ajaccio before joining his uncle's band.

The authorities are endeavouring to destroy the idea, which is encouraged by certain writers, that there is anything romantic about Corsican banditism. The modern bandit, they point out, is an assassin and a robber neither better nor worse than his fellow on the Continent, and it is necessary to dissipate the halo of tragic glory and fatality with which certain sentimentalists surround them.

Considerable Fortunes.

Another illusion commonly entertained is that concerning the way of life of the bandits. The latter are frequently represented as passing their lives concealed in impenetrable mountain fastnesses from which they descend from time to time into the plains to murder and plunder the peace-loving population. The truth is that they generally sleep in a bed in their own house, which is usually the best and most comfortable in the village.

Except when there is a strong force of police on their tracks, as at the present moment, they make no attempt to hide, but go about their business like anyone else, are known to everybody, and even show themselves in the town.

Their means of livelihood, are extremely varied, and include such apparently respectable occupations as running public charabancs and house-building. The fortunes thus amassed, based on an original capital collected at the point of a gun, are often considerable.

The greatest danger threatening a bandit, moreover, is not from the police, but from his own followers. He lives in the midst of a band of "guides," minor ruffians serving their apprenticeship as extortioners who form his bodyguard, protect him from his enemies, and aid him in his enterprises, in return for being fed and entertained at his expense.

The greater the prestige of the chief the more numerous and clamorous the band, and the greater the need of augmenting his income in order to satisfy their demands. The day that he ceases to do so or gives reason to one of them for discontent he risks betrayal and his fate is sealed. The bandit's life, in fact, even though he be "King of the Maquis," is not without its inconveniences.

Methods of Blackmail.

The methods employed by these gunmen in exacting their toll of the law-abiding is well illustrated in a recent exploit of Joseph Bartoli. A man called Ollandini Proprieto, a garage proprietor, was ordered by the bandit to hand over a sum of £250 sterling.

In spite of threats he ignored the command. Shortly after a notice signed by Bartoli appeared in all the Ajaccio papers giving warning that anybody using Ollandini's motor service would do so at their own risk.

The significance of this announcement was perfectly plain to any Corsican. Not a single person dared to use Ollandini's cars. Faced with the collapse of his business Ollandini surrendered. He asked, however, to have the bribe reduced to £200. "All right," replied Bartoli, "you can pay the remaining 50 later. But at what shall we fix the interest during the delay?"

Official action is being taken to suppress the false news which has been published in certain foreign papers. A journalist, who sent a report that the present operations are directed not so much against bandits as against the "Fascist Propaganda," has been warned that if he continues to spread such false reports he will be expelled from Corsica.

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Piano Solo-Lullaby-A Jolly Time (Secondo).

Hazel Gertrude Kinsella. 20155. Recitation-Cinderella.

Sally Hamlin. 21097. 5.30-7.00 p.m. (approx.): Relay of "The Smiling Lieutenant" from the King's Theatre by courtesy of the management.

7.00 p.m. (Stock quotations, mail notice, etc.).

7.03-8 p.m. Programme of Victor records.

7.03-7.30 p.m. Instrumental. Violin Solo-Ruralia Hungarica-Fresko (Dohnanyi).

Violin Solo-Ruralia Hungarica-Molto Vivace (Dohnanyi).

Fritz Kreisler. 1428. Piano Solo-Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 4 (Liszt).

Piano Solo-Succento-Caprice (Max Vogrich).

Yolanda Mero. 1155. Violin Solo-Legend of the Canyon (Cadman).

Violin Solo-Caprice Antique (Balogh-Kreisler).

Piano Solo-Alt-Wien (Old Vienna) (Godowsky).

Piano Solo-Prelude in A Minor (Debussy).

Isabella Yalkovsky. 4115. 7.30-8.00 p.m. Orchestral. In a Clock Store (Orth).

A Hunt in the Black Forest (Voelker).

Victor Concert Orchestra. 35702. Egmont Overture (Beethoven).

Raymond Overture (Thomas).

Victor Symphony Orchestra. 35700-35024.

8.00 p.m. Local time and weather report.

8.03-10.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.

10.30 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news.

10.30 p.m. Close down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co.

IF YOU LIVED IN
RUSSIA.

(Continued from Page 5.)

makes all mothers register their babies at the local institute and take them back for examination at stated intervals.

If you happened to be an old bourgeois in Russia and sick, you might not be able to get a doctor at all. However, practically everybody who has got a job under the new regime belongs to some co-operative or some union that has its own medical centre. Foreigners now are looked after by the Russian Red Cross.

You can get a doctor to come and see you at home by paying extra for him. He will be attached to some hospital and paid by the state, but after working hours he wants it. Unless he is a Communist, that is. No communist can work for any private individual.

With housing conditions so bad in Russia to-day, the whole theory is to take sick folks to hospitals for treatment.

I visited one of the Moscow downtown hospitals to see an American boy who had hurt his knee. He was in a ward with 10 other men and was enjoying the spirit of the ward. Nobody in it was gloomy. No one was worrying about bills. Nobody was afraid he would lose his job while he was sick. The government was taking care of that.

If you were a Russian, you would be placed in a ward if your case was slight. If serious, you would be given a private room. The decision of who goes into which room is based only on the patient's needs.

I visited two of the "rest homes" near Moscow maintained by unions for their sick workers. They were sanitariums that, according to our standards, were none too comfortable. But to Russians, never used to comfort, these homes with clean beds, comfortable deck chairs out in the sun, special medical treatment and nourishing food, were heaven!

Down in the north Caucasus I saw an out-door camp for tubercular children. Here the government sends children with slight defects, underweight, etc., with maintenance of a touch of tuberculosis.

Down in the Crimea the former czar's palaces are now sanitariums. All through Russia, old country palaces are being turned into government rest homes. In Kharkov I saw a huge new clinic of which the workers boast. It has some of the best modern electrical equipment in all of Europe. It has just been completed as part occupied by both men and women, of this district's "Five-Year Plan," and all utter strangers.

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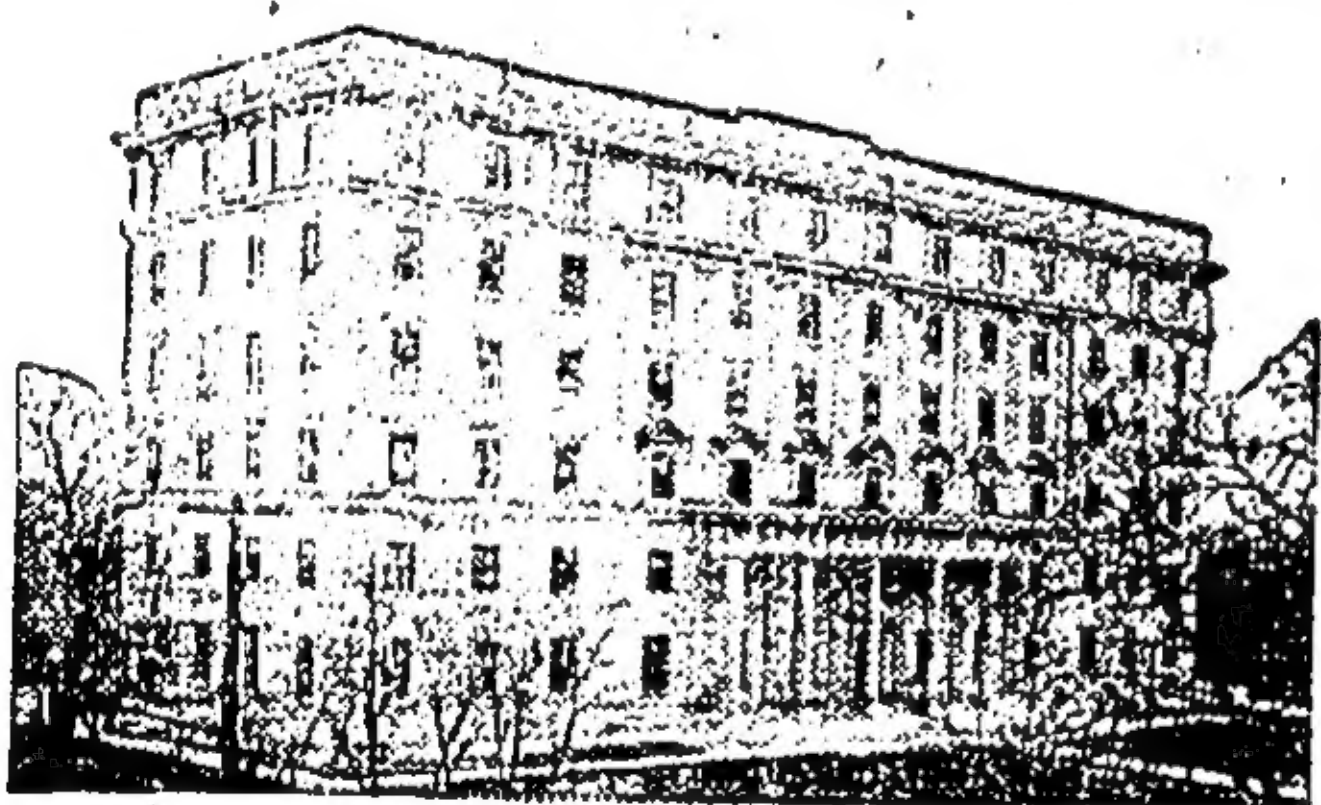
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LOCAL CRICKET.

**HONGKONG UNIVERSITY
TEAMS.**

The following have been chosen to
represent the University 1st XI in a
friendly match against C.S.C.C. on
Saturday, at 2 p.m., on the home
ground. D. J. N. Anderson, A. T.
Lee, I. T. Ride, F. R. Zimmerman, A.
Baker, A. M. Rodriguez, P. M. N.
da Silva, A. T. Nomanbhoy, H.
Nomanbhoy, E. L. Gosanno, A. N.
O'Brien.

The following will represent the
H.K.U.C.C. 2nd XI in a friendly
match against the C.S.C.C. 2nd XI
at Happy Valley to-morrow, at 2 p.m.,
sharp. P. L. Tan, G. S. Scully, G. E.
Teoh, A. A. Aziz, R. E. G. Leong, D.
Roy, K. P. Gan, W. K. Chan, B. K. Ng,
D. Hunt, M. M. Yayahbhoy, Reserves,
S. Tata, N. F. Lai.

Volunteer Team.

The following team will represent
the Volunteers in their match against
the Club de Recreo on the latter's
ground on Sunday, December 13th,
commencing at 11 a.m.—A. C. Beck
(Capt.), R. H. Griffiths, E. R. West,
N. A. E. Mackay, S. V. Gittins, D.
McLellan, F. S. W. Smith, L. T. Ride
and A. H. Harbord.

FANLING HUNT.

**HOUNDS TO MEET DURING
DECEMBER.**

The Fanling Hunt hounds will
meet on the following days:
Sunday, December 13 at Hunters'
Arms, 3.15 p.m.
Wednesday, December 16 at Sheung
Shui, 3.15 p.m.
Wednesday, December 23 at the
Kennels, 3.15 p.m.
Saturday, December 26 at Anandale,
2.45 p.m.

HOCKEY.

**CLUB "A" TEAM v. BRITISH
SCHOOL.**

The following will represent the
Hongkong Hockey Club "A" team v.
C.B.S.F.A. on Club ground at 5 p.m.
to-morrow.—E. S. Moses, L. A. R.
Duncan, L. F. Nicholson, W. Allen,
E. G. Dale, K. H. Utley, R. W.
Saped, W. H. Smith, R. H. D. Wade,
W. A. Nowers, G. F. Rees.

LOCAL RUGBY.

**HONGKONG BANK TEAM
BEATS KOWLOON.**

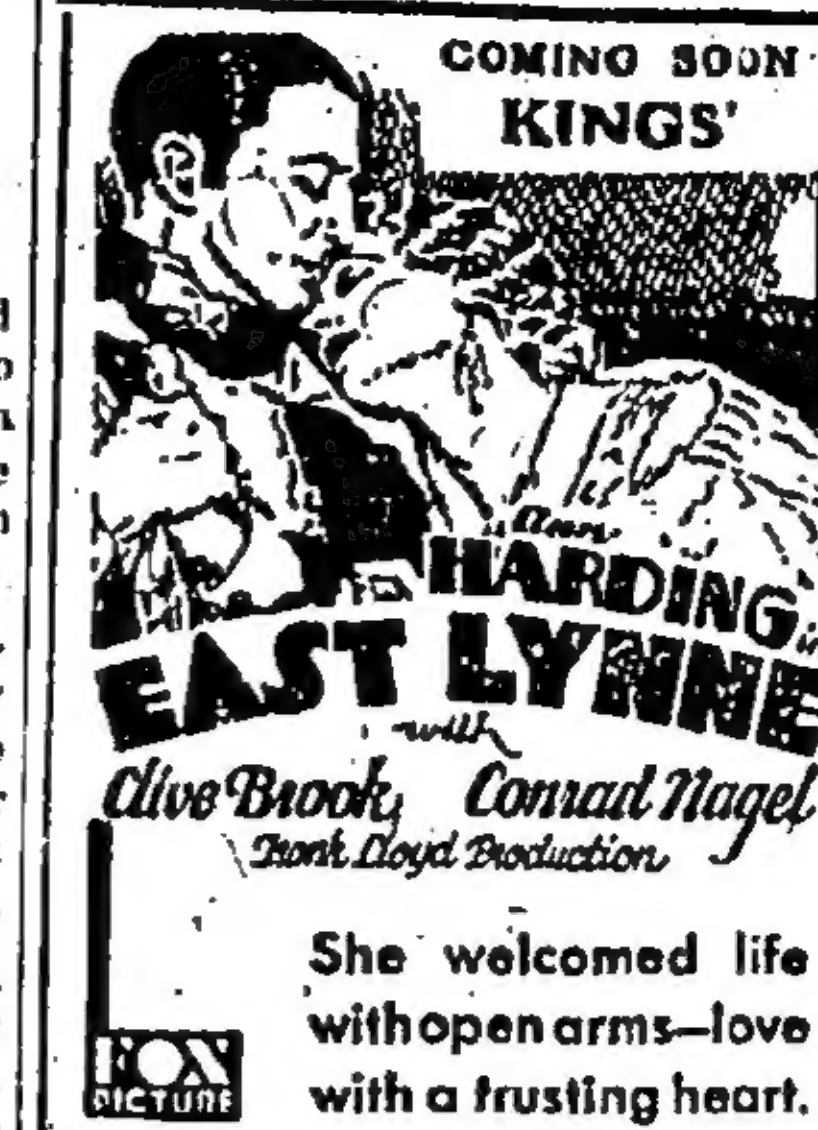
The staff of the Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank added a feather to
their cap when they turned out a
Rugby XV and managed to get the
better of their opponents, Kowloon
R.F.C., by six points to three.

The match was played on the Foot-
ball Club ground at Happy Valley
yesterday, in conditions which were
more akin to the wet day rugby
one is used to at home, and as a result
the game was mainly a forward one.

It was a matter of regret that Mr.
V. M. Grayburn, the Chief Manager
of the Bank, was unable to referee,
but Engineer-Commander Wilson
(H. M. S. Kent) deputized for him.

The game started with Kowloon
playing three men short, but the late
comers arrived before play had been
in progress many minutes. The Bank
had the better of the earlier exchanges
and went ahead through a penalty
goal by Robertson. Conditions were
all against handling and there were
few promising movements, but both
packs of forwards brought off some
good rushes and the play never lacked
interest. Once when the Bank for-
wards heeled cleanly a promising
three-quarter movement was spoiled by
Hyde holding on too long, and several
chances were lost by the Kowloon
backs when passes were fumbled.
Towards the end of the first half
Robertson put the Bank further ahead
with a very fine kick from a penalty
awarded for off-side, and the Bank
led at the interval by six points to
nil.

The second half was mainly a
struggle between the two packs of
forwards, all attempts to open up the
game proving futile owing to the
difficulty of handling the greasy ball.
The Kowloon forwards had if any-
thing the better of the exchanges, but
the Bank were superior behind the
scrum, although the defence of the
Bank backs was not always to be
relied on. About midway through the
second half Ferguson scored a run-
away try for Kowloon, outstripping
his opponents in a run from the
halfway line and scoring between the
posts—the try however remained un-
converted. There was no further
scoring and the Bank were left win-
ners with the score.—Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank, 2 penalty goals (6
points), Kowloon R.F.C. 1 try (3
points).



STILL MORE RAIN.

**CRICKET MATCH AT SYDNEY
ABANDONED.**

Sydney, Dec. 9.
Owing to rain there was no play
in the match between New South
Wales and the South African tourists,
the match being abandoned.
At the close of play on Tuesday
New South Wales had scored 600
runs, (Bradman 219 and Hird 101)
while South Africa had made a total
of 185 for the loss of one wicket.
(Curran 81 not out and Morkel 70
not out).—Reuter.

INTERNATIONAL GAME

**ENGLAND'S SOCCER WIN
OVER SPAIN.**

London, Dec. 9.
At Highbury to-day, in a soccer
match, England beat Spain by 7 goals
to one.—Reuter.

We would like to congratulate the
Hongkong Bank not only on their
victory, but also upon their fine effort
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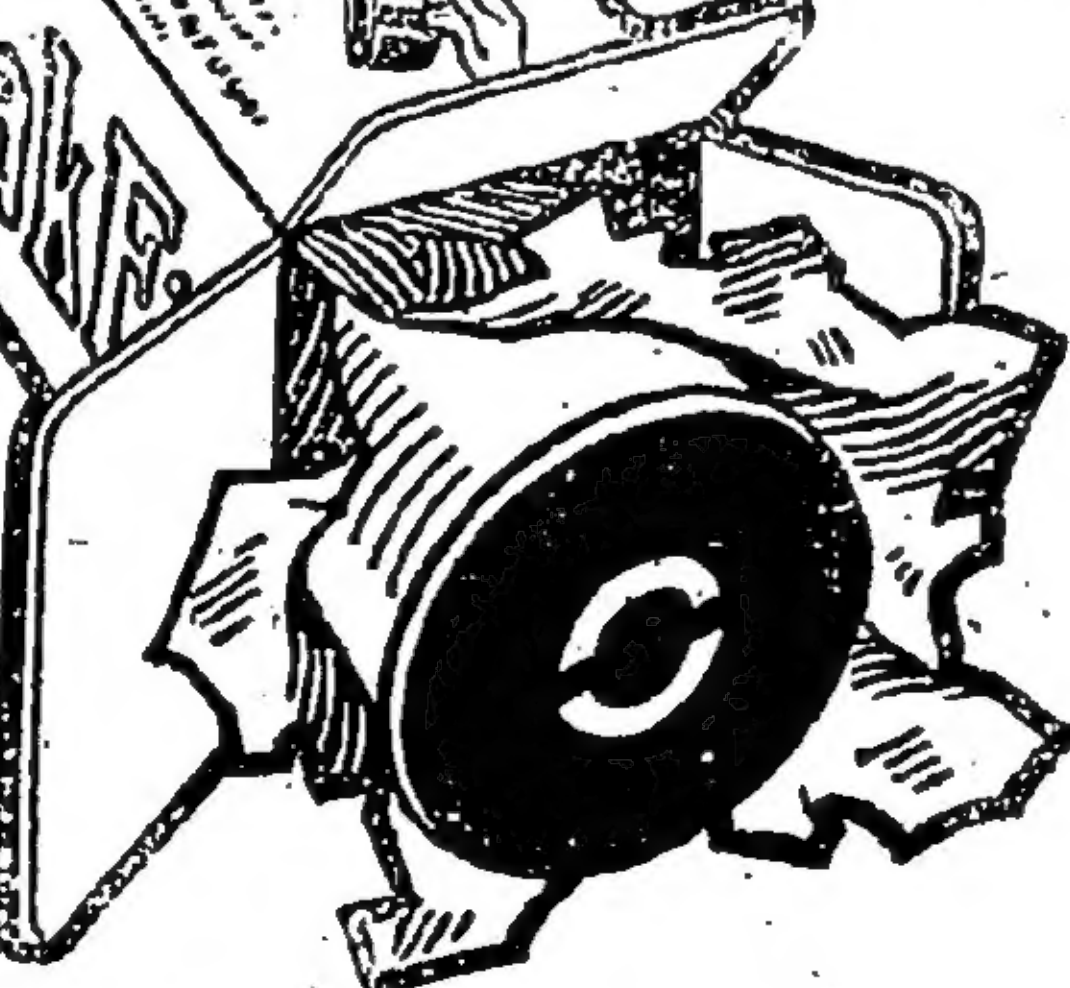
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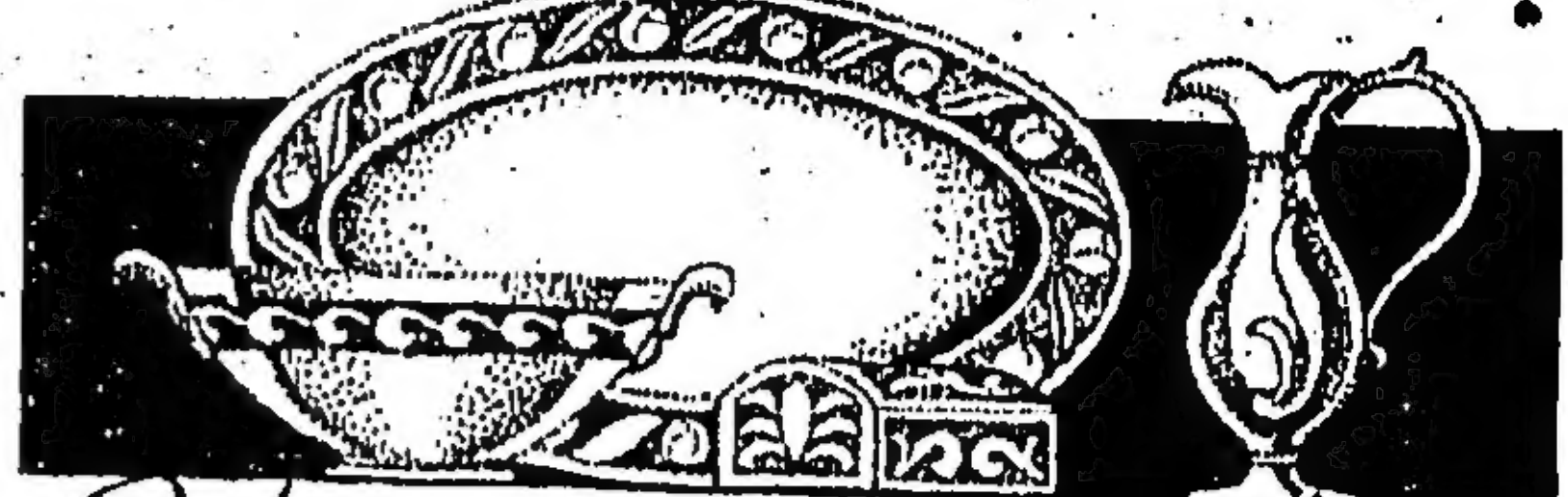
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grounds on home of the vacant spaces of the city. We have done something towards the provision of more street ambulances. As we grow older, we shall doubtless see the social needs of the Colony more clearly, and be able to appreciate more fully the valuable services which the various societies and institutions which are working in the social field are striving to accomplish, and how and where we can best come in.

For the Rotary Club is not going to "butt in" on work which is being handled by others; on the contrary we have tried and we shall continue to try to help these workers, by giving them an opportunity of coming and talking to us about their aims and their difficulties.

At the opening of this year the South China Morning Post published a leading article on the local League of Nations Society. Quoting from *The Rock* the Post endorsed the suggestion made by that monthly periodical that "the collection through lectures or papers of information on the social problems of the Colony would be of inestimable value."

We Rotarians agree. Some Rotary Clubs publish a Social Survey. We have no such ambitious scheme in view, nor would we ever embark on any such survey without first seeing what the Hongkong League of Nations Society and other bodies were contemplating in this direction. But I do suggest that anyone who undertakes such a survey might do worse than look up some of the admirable press reports of some of the addresses to which we have listened. And I take this opportunity of thanking all those who have been good enough to come and talk to the Rotary Club.

Elation and Depression.
Ladies and Gentlemen, I stand before you as the first President of the Rotary Club of Hongkong. When one is trying to do something new, there are times when one feels elated, and times when depression haunts one like a black dog.

A little time ago I was feeling rather pleased about the Rotary Club; then there came from the recording angels in Chicago a set of questions asking what the President was doing. This was a totally unexpected anticipation of the day of judgment. I am now convinced that I am the worst President who has ever disgraced a Rotary Presidential Chair. But I am still not only incurably optimistic as to the future of the Club, but also glad that I took up the office.

Glad, for I have been splendidly served, and in the execution of this service I have realized as I would never have realized otherwise, how abundant is the Hongkong community's capacity for willing sacrifice, if only one knows where to look for it and how to handle it when found.

It would not be in the spirit of the organization to which this club belongs to cite names, but I can tell you that it has been no sinecure to be a Secretary or Treasurer to the Club, and that the Chairman of the Programme Committee has not only to be very wide awake, but also to keep moving. The Club Service Committee has organized this dinner: that took some doing.

Gratitude.
To all those who have given themselves and their time I tender not only on behalf of myself but also of the Club the tribute of a lasting gratitude. In the direction and control of the Club's activities, I have made many new friendships, which still abide. That is my reward. I could say much more, but "silence is the gratitude of true affection."

I am glad then, to have had this great opportunity, although there are many who would have made much better use of it; and I am happy about the future of the Rotary Club. Personally, I enjoy the weekly luncheon meetings of the Club, and look forward to them. I shall enjoy them all the more when I can sit where I like and am no longer compelled to occupy the presidential chair. The Directors and I have tried to make the members generally, and the visitors to the Club whether Rotarians or not, enjoy these weekly meetings, and I hope and believe that we have to some small extent succeeded. That I regard as basic. We believe that there is still far too much superfluous heart-burning and unneccessary mutual suspicion in this Colony, and that this is due to the fact that the community is split up into far too many cliques and mutual admiration societies. We want to try and break down some of these barriers, which are by no means all international.

Hongkong no Mean City.

As more or less permanent dwellers in Hongkong we are citizens of no mean city. We feel that Hongkong is a little bit too fond of depreciating itself and of taking too seriously, for example, criticism which comes as an unfavourable with other places. We want to encourage in every dweller in Hongkong an affectionate pride in the Colony which is his home.

Our meetings afford an unparalleled opportunity of welcoming many who would otherwise pass unnoticed through our midst. As a Rotarian travels about the world it is his duty to attend the meetings of the various Rotary Clubs accessible to him, and we Rotarians of Hongkong are going to see to it that the world he comes better instructed than it is now as to what Hongkong, as a British outpost in China, stands for.

His Excellency's Speech.

His Excellency, in reply, said:—Sir William Hornell, Ladies and Gentlemen: I feel that I ought to be standing before you to-night in the white sheet of a repentant sinner. For I have to admit that, when Mr. Davidson, with whom I had had some association in the matter of Rotary in Malaya, came to see me a little over a year ago regarding the establishment of a Rotary Club in Hongkong, I ventured to express a doubt as to whether he would make a great success of it. It is hardly necessary for me to say that such doubt has proved entirely unjustified. I cannot but feel, therefore, that coats of fire were heaped on my head when the Club invited me to be their first honorary member, an honour which I greatly appreciated.

On my own behalf, I may say that, in spite of my doubts, I gave Mr. Davidson personal letters addressed to certain people of my own selection, who I thought would be ready and able to help him. My selections were an entire success, and were I as fortunate in selections at Happy Valley races, I should soon become a rich man!

I need hardly say that one selection was Sir William Hornell, who subsequently became President.

and who has contributed so much to the success achieved by the Club. I heartily congratulate him and the Club on that success, which has surpassed even the expectations of that born optimist, Jim Davidson.

My doubts were, perhaps, to some extent, due to the fact that I envisaged the Club as aiming largely at being an international club, and I understood that various clubs had been started in the Colony with that aim and had met with only varying success. So far as I can gather, the international idea, as was perhaps to be expected at first, has not as yet gone very far in this Club. Although the general principles of Rotary are common to all, the various Rotary clubs must, to some extent, keep their own individuality.

Hongkong Club's Success.

The original idea of Rotary was, I understand, to bring business and professional men in various professions and occupations together, with a view to a better understanding of one another's interests and difficulties. This idea has been very successfully carried out here. At the same time, you have had visitors from other places, who have become acquainted with you and your views and have, themselves, brought opinions and views of their own, leading, doubtless, to a better appreciation of one another by personal contact.

This, indeed, is one of the most important points of Rotary, and here is no doubt that by learning a look at affairs from each other's viewpoint, we help to avoid misunderstandings, and contribute to progress towards that goal at which we all aim—international peace and prosperity.

I have seen it stated that the healthy growth of the Rotary movement has helped to establish more firmly the custom of feeding together, and then listening to more or less coherent speeches. Well, I can honestly say that, having read in the Press most of the addresses made at this Club, I have no doubt as to their coherence, and I congratulate its officers on having succeeded in obtaining such a remarkable list of speakers and addresses.

Children's Playgrounds.

I am not presumptuous enough to attempt to say anything more about Rotary, because I am quite sure that you all know more about it than I do. Its principle of "Service not self" is a high one, and I congratulate this club on its carrying out the principle of "service" in contributing to the establishment of children's playgrounds in this Colony. It was a most admirable thought, and has, I feel sure, been greatly appreciated. On behalf of my fellow guests and myself, I sincerely thank the Club for its hospitality to us to-night.

Charter Presented.

I have now very much pleasure in presenting the Charter, and in doing so to propose the health of the Rotary Club of Hongkong, in the firm belief that the great success achieved in its first year will continue.

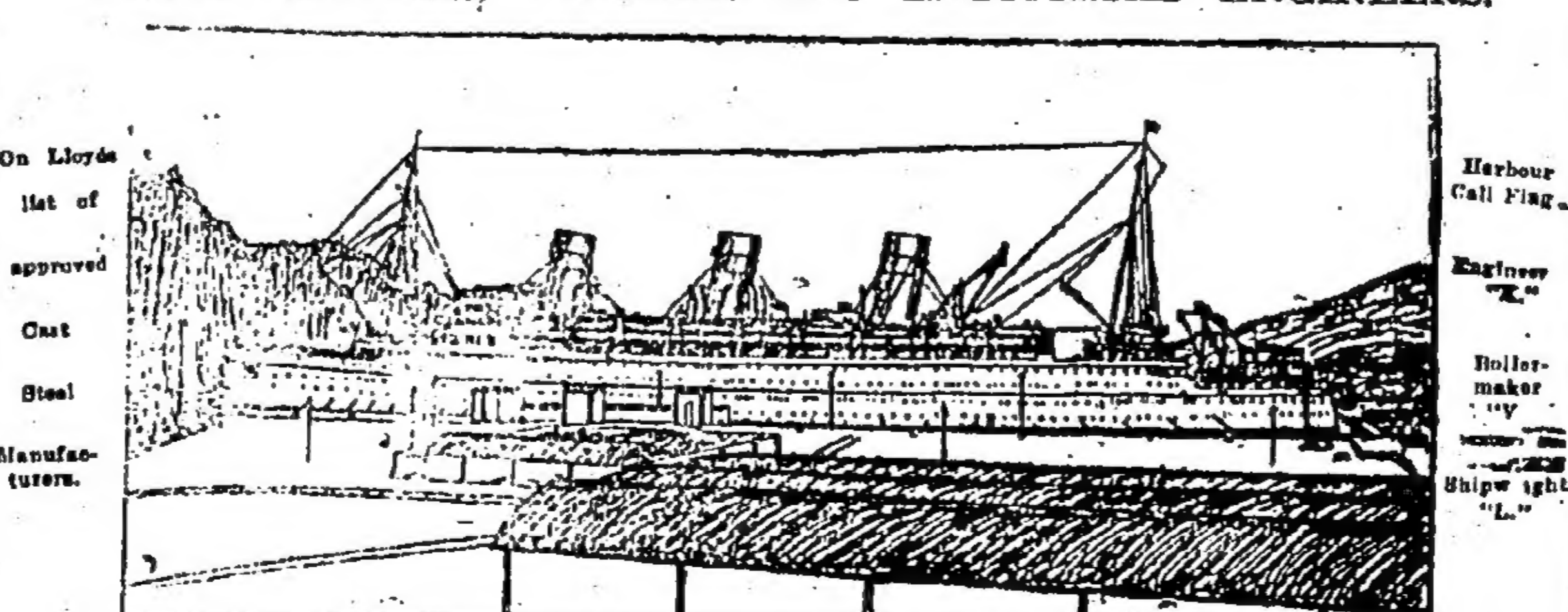
During dinner vocal items were contributed by Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith, accompanied on the piano by her husband, and Mr. Maurice Barton. After dinner those present adjourned to the new Grill Room on the first floor, half of which was reserved for the Rotary Club and their guests. Many look forward to the delightful dance floor, while others obtained tables where they spent the remaining hour of a very pleasant evening.

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The score at the close of the first ninety minutes was 0-0.

It was the third replay of the tie and was played at Leeds. The teams played exactly eight hours of football before a decision was reached.

The revised draw for the second round to be played on Saturday follows:

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PROPOSED BURMA REFORMS.

NEW LOWER HOUSE DISCUSSED.

London, Dec. 9. The Burma Round Table Conference in committee to-day began consideration of the constitution of the Lower House.

Ba Pe and other speakers favoured an increase of the present membership of 103 to 200, while 150 was suggested by Lord Winterton as a compromise. The life of the House, it was decided, should be five years.

Sir Oscar de Glanville, leader of the Independent Party, was in favour of the abolition of the Official Bloc, and with this view there was general agreement. The Committee adjourned until to-morrow.—*British Wireless.*

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is central near Peking. The depression has passed to the east of Japan.

"China Casters."—Whilst the contents of your letter may be correct, in its present form it is distinctly libellous. We suggest, however, that you lay your suggestions before the Harbour Department if you feel there is need for action.

DEATH OF MR. WONG KAM-FUK.

PASSING OF NOTED RESIDENT.

AN ACTIVE LIFE.

The business community of Hongkong has suffered a severe loss in the death of Mr. Wong Kam-fuk, for many years proprietor of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., which occurred early this morning at the age of 61. His passing also removes from the Colony not only a philanthropist, but one of the leading public workers among Chinese.

Of Hongkong birth, Mr. Wong was educated locally, and at the age of 19 entered the service of the Kowloon Wharf Company just after its formation. He assumed the responsible duties of company director, being in complete charge of the entire Chinese staff, and this position he held until this year, when he retired owing to health reasons.

Faithful Service.

During his long and faithful service with the Company, Mr. Wong carved for himself a niche in the history of its progress, and, beloved and respected by all his colleagues, both superiors and subordinates, his death will be keenly felt. He retired from business in the early part of this year, when he found it necessary to visit America and Europe to receive medical attention. Unfortunately the treatment did not prove successful.

In other spheres of life, Mr. Wong took an extremely active interest. He was a patron of the Chinese Recreation Club, as well as a past chairman, while he served in the capacity of Chairman to the boards of various institutions, including the Tung Wah Hospital and the Po Leung Kuk. He also distributed munificent gifts to the various charitable and educational institutions of the Colony.

For many years he was an official Justice of the Peace, a member of the District Watchmen's Committee, a member of the Court of the Hongkong University and he served on the School Committee of the Diocesan Boys' School, where all his sons were educated.

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of the Kam Hing Knitting Factory, and a Director of the recently-formed Hongkong Brewery Company. He also served on the Board of Directors of several other important concerns.

His services to the Colony and to the British Government were fittingly recognised last year, when he was one of the first local Chinese to receive a Certificate of Honour awarded by H.M. the King.

Succeeded by Son.

Mr. Wong married a sister of Sir Robert Ho Tung, who survives him, while there are left six sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. One of the sons, Mr. Wong Sik-cheung, succeeds his father as proprietor to the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, while two other sons are medical practitioners, one being Dr. Wong Sik-to, who is a local eye specialist and well-known race pony owner, and the other Dr. Wong Nam, who practices in Shanghai.

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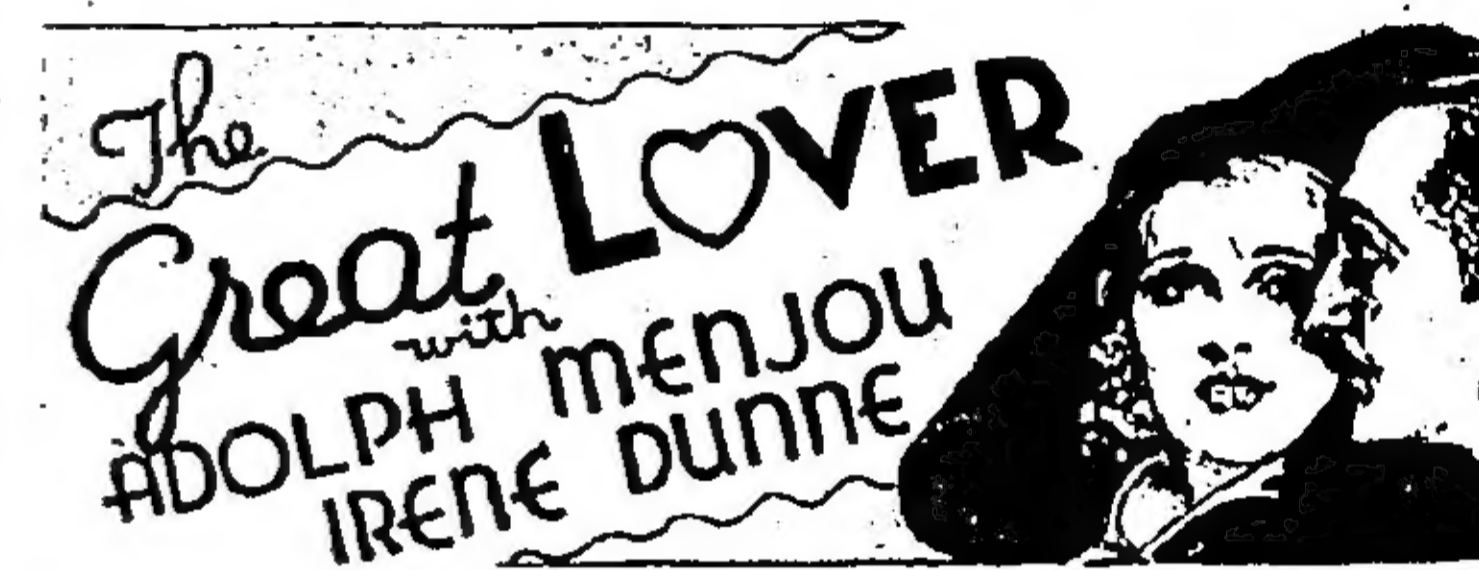
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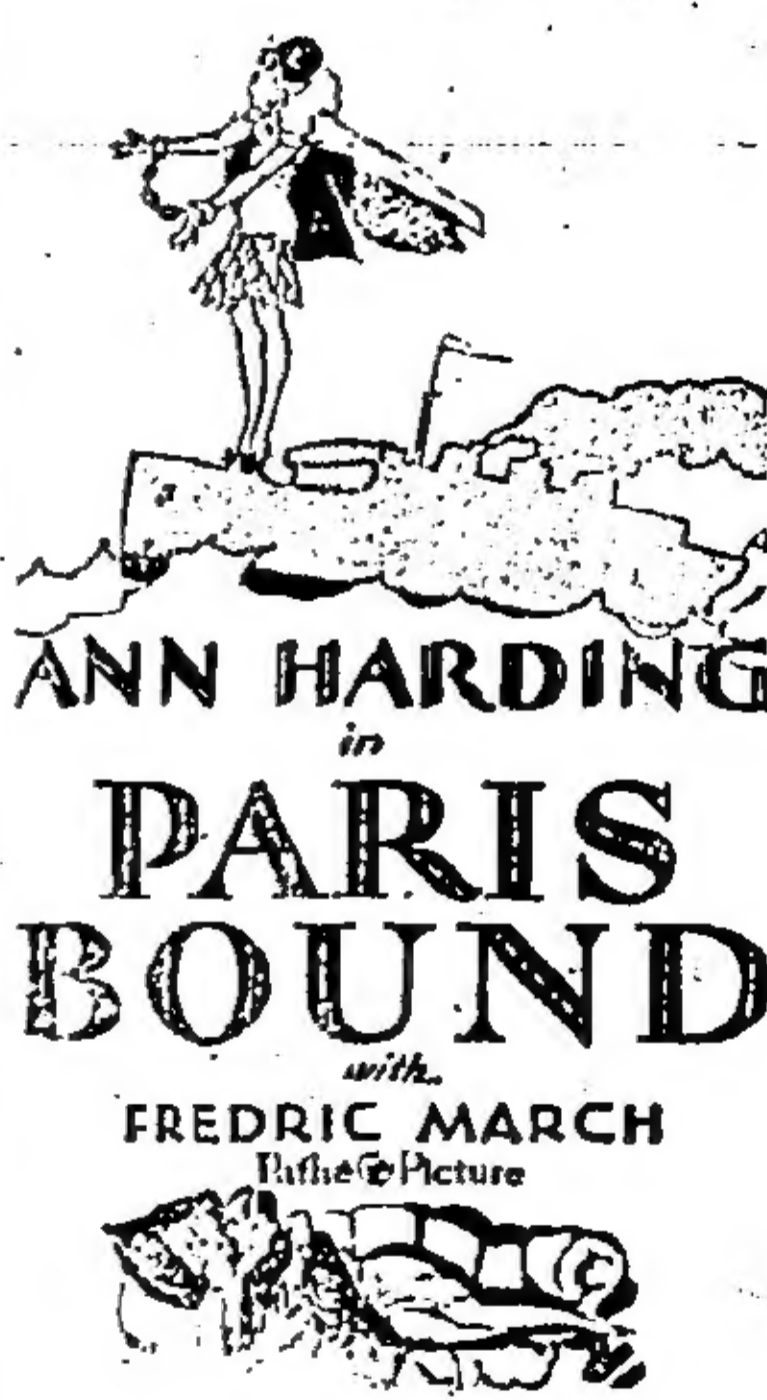
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